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# Preface

The National Compensation Survey (NCS) provides comprehensive measures of occupational earnings, compensation cost trends, and detailed benefit provisions. It integrates three Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) programs—the Occupational Compensation Survey (OCS), the Employment Cost Index (ECI), and the Employee Benefits Survey (EBS). OCS provides data on occupational earnings; the ECI measures changes in labor costs, as well as average hourly employer costs for employee compensation; and the EBS provides information on detailed benefit provisions. When fully integrated, the NCS will provide data on benefit costs and provisions as well as wages. This bulletin, a product of the first phase of the NCS, focuses on occupational earnings.

The NCS replaced the Occupational Compensation Survey (OCS) with the release of the 1997 data. The major difference between these two surveys is that the OCS used the same preselected list of occupations for all localities. The NCS uses a probability-based sample of establishments and occupations that is intended to more fully represent the employment patterns and occupational mix of each locality.

This bulletin presents aggregate pay data from the metropolitan and nonmetropolitan local area surveys conducted in the East South Central census division. (See Technical Note). It provides estimates of occupational pay for the census division, as well as selected data on worker and establishment characteristics.

NCS bulletins are published for each of the nine census divisions: New England, Middle Atlantic, East North Cen-

tral, West North Central, South Atlantic, East South Central, West South Central, Mountain, and Pacific. (See Technical Note.) Data also are published for some individual localities, as well as for the entire United States. The census division publications may be useful to NCS data users in localities for which separate data were not published.

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# Occupational Wages in the East South Central Census Division, 1998

## Overview

This bulletin provides 1998 National Compensation Survey (NCS) estimates of occupational pay in the East South Central census division. The bulletin highlights average (mean) hourly pay for workers by seven characteristics:

- Private industry and State and local government
- Metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas
- Selected occupations and major occupational groups
- Full-time and part-time status
- Bargaining status
- Size of establishment
- Work level

Wages in the East South Central census division averaged \$11.87 per hour during 1998. Workers in private industry in the East South Central region averaged \$11.21 per hour, while pay of workers in State and local governments averaged \$15.93 per hour. The nationwide hourly average for all workers covered by the survey was \$15.72.

Table 1 in this bulletin provides an overview of average pay for workers in private industry and State and local governments, by selected worker and establishment characteristics. For example, white-collar workers in private industry averaged \$13.98 per hour and blue-collar workers averaged \$11.40. Corresponding averages in State and local governments were \$19.03 and \$11.83. In most census divisions, average hourly earnings are generally lower for private industry workers than for State and local government workers; part of this difference can be explained by differences in the occupational and industrial mix of the two sectors. For example, professional specialty and technical occupations are proportionately more prevalent in State and local government than in private industry. With the exception of the construction industry, few State and local government workers are in goods-producing industries.

Full-time workers in the East South Central region averaged \$12.14 per hour while part-time workers averaged \$7.71. In private industry, full-time workers averaged \$11.48 an hour and part-time workers averaged \$7.24. For workers in State

and local governments, average hourly pay was \$16.14 and \$11.62, respectively. Full-time or part-time designation is determined by the employer.

Workers in large establishments in the East South Central region, that is, establishments with 2,500 or more employees, had the highest average hourly pay at \$17.84. Workers in the smallest establishment-size category studied (50 to 99 employees) had the lowest average at \$10.71.

Table 2 shows that workers in metropolitan areas averaged \$13.88 per hour, more than the average pay for workers in nonmetropolitan areas, \$9.97. Table 2 also shows that for most of the worker and establishment characteristics presented, average pay for metropolitan area workers was higher than for their counterparts in nonmetropolitan areas. (See the Technical Note for definitions of metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas.)

Among the nine census divisions, average earnings were generally highest in the New England, Middle Atlantic, and Pacific regions. Average earnings for all census divisions, and for other characteristics, can be seen in tables 1 and 2.

Full-time, part-time, and combined average pay rates for occupations in private industry and in State and local governments are shown in tables 3, 4, and 5. These tables contain wage rates and mean weekly hours for individual occupations and for major occupational groups. All registered nurses, for example, averaged \$17.77 per hour (table 3). Registered nurses in private industry averaged \$17.47 (table 4), while their counterparts in State and local government averaged \$18.49 per hour (table 5). Laborers, except construction, averaged \$8.44 in private industry and \$8.93 in State and local governments. Janitors and cleaners, a service occupation, averaged \$7.61 in private industry and \$8.45 in State and local government.

Earnings by occupational group and level are shown in table 6. In determining the work level, the Bureau applies a "generic leveling" technique to all occupations selected during the collection process, using 10 criteria to level occupations. Usually, the levels tend to show higher pay at higher levels. In this region, average hourly earnings of white-collar workers ranged from \$6.32 for work level 1 to \$68.54 for level 14. Average earnings of blue-collar workers ranged from \$8.58 (level 1) to \$20.63 (level 8); service workers ranged from \$5.89 (level 1) to \$20.05 (level 9). The Technical Note has more information on generic leveling.

Table A in the Technical Note shows the number of establishments studied in the East South Central census division by employment size; more establishments were studied in the 100- to 499-worker group than in any other size category. This table also shows the number of establishments

represented. Table B shows the number of workers represented by the surveys in the East South Central census division by major occupational groups such as professional specialty and technical, sales, and transportation and material moving.

Table 1. Summary, East South Central: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> and weekly hours by selected characteristics, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,<sup>2</sup> 1998

Worker and establishment characteristics, and geographic areas	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error (percent)		Mean	Relative error (percent)		Mean	Relative error (percent)	
<b>Total</b> .....	\$11.87	2.3	37.7	\$11.21	2.6	37.9	\$15.93	2.2	36.8
<b>Worker characteristics:<sup>3</sup></b>									
White-collar occupations <sup>4</sup> .....	15.05	2.1	37.7	13.98	2.7	38.0	19.03	1.9	36.6
Professional specialty and technical ...	20.64	1.4	37.2	19.62	2.2	37.9	21.85	2.1	36.3
Executive, administrative, and managerial .....	23.63	3.9	40.5	23.56	9.0	41.4	23.91	2.3	37.0
Sales .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.56	2.7	37.2
Administrative support .....	10.82	1.8	37.6	10.98	2.2	37.7	9.99	1.7	37.2
Blue-collar occupations <sup>4</sup> .....	11.43	3.9	39.2	11.40	4.1	39.3	11.83	2.2	36.7
Precision production, craft, and repair	14.40	7.9	40.0	14.44	8.7	40.1	13.97	1.5	39.6
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors .....	11.12	5.0	39.9	11.10	5.1	39.9	13.59	1.1	38.5
Transportation and material moving ...	12.68	6.1	39.9	12.97	6.5	41.4	10.17	3.3	30.0
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers .....	8.55	1.5	37.5	8.49	1.6	37.4	9.67	2.6	39.9
Service occupations <sup>4</sup> .....	7.63	.7	36.2	—	—	—	10.29	3.9	37.3
Full time .....	12.14	2.4	39.9	11.48	2.6	40.1	16.14	2.1	39.0
Part time .....	7.71	2.3	20.4	7.24	2.7	20.9	11.62	7.8	17.1
Union .....	13.68	11.0	38.7	13.00	12.0	38.8	18.76	2.0	38.0
Nonunion .....	11.59	2.1	37.6	10.92	2.4	37.7	15.55	2.1	36.6
Time .....	11.74	2.5	37.8	11.01	2.7	38.0	15.93	2.2	36.8
Incentive .....	14.67	3.8	36.7	14.67	3.8	36.7	—	—	—
<b>Establishment characteristics:</b>									
Goods producing .....	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	13.35	3.6	40.1	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Service producing .....	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	10.19	2.1	36.9	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
50-99 workers <sup>6</sup> .....	10.71	2.8	36.3	10.70	2.9	36.2	10.85	6.1	38.3
100-499 workers .....	12.52	2.0	37.8	12.09	2.5	38.0	15.21	2.0	36.7
500-999 workers .....	12.77	4.6	38.5	12.37	5.1	38.9	16.23	2.6	35.9
1000-2499 workers .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.34	3.4	36.9
2500 workers or more .....	17.84	2.1	35.7	17.70	3.1	34.5	17.96	1.9	36.7
<b>Geographic areas:<sup>7</sup></b>									
Metropolitan .....	13.88	2.2	36.9	13.21	2.5	36.8	16.67	2.2	37.0
Nonmetropolitan .....	9.97	4.3	38.6	9.53	4.7	38.8	14.39	2.3	36.5
New England .....	17.38	1.4	35.1	16.50	1.7	35.0	21.35	1.3	35.5
Middle Atlantic .....	18.10	1.5	35.8	17.14	1.8	35.8	21.72	1.6	35.5
East North Central .....	16.08	.8	36.2	15.44	.9	36.3	19.32	1.5	35.7
West North Central .....	14.85	1.6	36.5	14.05	1.9	36.3	17.87	1.2	37.0
South Atlantic .....	14.40	1.0	37.1	13.82	1.1	36.9	16.22	1.4	38.0
East South Central .....	11.87	2.3	37.7	11.21	2.6	37.9	15.93	2.2	36.8
West South Central .....	14.62	1.8	37.2	14.27	2.3	36.9	15.63	1.2	38.0
Mountain .....	14.58	2.7	36.4	13.30	2.9	36.4	18.32	2.9	36.4
Pacific .....	17.86	1.3	36.2	16.82	1.7	36.4	21.26	1.0	35.5

<sup>1</sup> Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, and holidays; nonproduction bonuses; and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

<sup>2</sup> In this census division, collection was conducted between June 1998 and April 1999. The average reference period was November 1998.

<sup>3</sup> Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining. Wages of time workers are based solely on hourly rate or salary; incentive workers are those whose wages are at least partially based on productivity payments such as piece rates, commissions, and production bonuses.

<sup>4</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See Technical Note for more information.

<sup>5</sup> Classification of establishments into goods-producing and service-producing industries applies to private industry only.

<sup>6</sup> Establishments classified with 50-99 workers may contain establishments with fewer than 50 due to staff reductions between survey sampling and collection.

<sup>7</sup> Data are presented for metropolitan and nonmetropolitan area divisions as well as 9 census area divisions. See Technical Note for a list of survey areas in each census area division and the States comprising the 9 census area divisions.

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Table 2. **Summary, East South Central: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> and weekly hours by selected characteristics, metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas,<sup>2</sup> National Compensation Survey,<sup>3</sup> 1998**

Worker and establishment characteristics, and geographic areas	Total			Metropolitan areas			Nonmetropolitan areas		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error (percent)		Mean	Relative error (percent)		Mean	Relative error (percent)	
Total .....	\$11.87	2.3	37.7	\$13.88	2.2	36.9	\$9.97	4.3	38.6
Private Industry .....	11.21	2.6	37.9	13.21	2.5	36.8	9.53	4.7	38.8
State and local government .....	15.93	2.2	36.8	16.67	2.2	37.0	14.39	2.3	36.5
<b>Worker characteristics:<sup>4</sup></b>									
White-collar occupations <sup>5</sup> .....	15.05	2.1	37.7	16.73	2.2	36.9	12.60	5.6	38.9
Professional specialty and technical ...	20.64	1.4	37.2	21.19	1.4	37.3	19.00	1.1	36.7
Executive, administrative, and managerial .....	23.63	3.9	40.5	25.20	1.0	40.3	21.19	12.9	40.8
Sales .....	-	-	-	12.14	2.9	33.0	-	-	-
Administrative support .....	10.82	1.8	37.6	10.71	2.0	36.9	11.06	3.8	39.2
Blue-collar occupations <sup>5</sup> .....	11.43	3.9	39.2	12.56	2.3	38.8	10.27	7.8	39.6
Precision production, craft, and repair Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors .....	14.40	7.9	40.0	16.04	2.6	40.1	12.23	13.0	40.0
Transportation and material moving ...	11.12	5.0	39.9	12.17	4.0	39.7	10.24	9.2	40.0
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers .....	12.68	6.1	39.9	12.24	1.7	40.7	13.56	16.4	38.3
Service occupations <sup>5</sup> .....	8.55	1.5	37.5	9.13	1.2	35.5	8.09	2.8	39.2
	7.63	.7	36.2	8.11	1.6	33.6	-	-	-
Full time .....	12.14	2.4	39.9	14.44	2.1	39.9	10.09	4.3	40.0
Part time .....	7.71	2.3	20.4	8.19	3.0	20.8	6.49	3.7	19.5
Union .....	13.68	11.0	38.7	16.09	2.5	37.7	11.45	19.7	39.8
Nonunion .....	11.59	2.1	37.6	13.54	2.1	36.7	9.73	3.6	38.4
Time .....	11.74	2.5	37.8	13.73	2.4	37.0	9.89	4.1	38.6
Incentive .....	14.67	3.8	36.7	16.34	1.0	35.1	11.98	14.2	39.6
<b>Establishment characteristics:</b>									
Goods producing <sup>6</sup> .....	13.35	3.6	40.1	15.39	2.1	40.1	11.71	6.7	40.1
Service producing <sup>6</sup> .....	10.19	2.1	36.9	12.21	2.7	35.5	-	-	-
50-99 workers <sup>7</sup> .....	10.71	2.8	36.3	11.42	3.2	36.1	9.55	3.2	36.8
100-499 workers .....	12.52	2.0	37.8	12.88	2.7	37.7	11.82	2.3	38.0
500-999 workers .....	12.77	4.6	38.5	12.78	1.8	36.6	12.77	7.3	39.9
1000-2499 workers .....	-	-	-	15.47	.7	37.2	-	-	-
2500 workers or more .....	17.84	2.1	35.7	17.84	2.1	35.7	-	-	-
<b>Geographic areas:<sup>8</sup></b>									
New England .....	17.38	1.4	35.1	17.75	1.2	35.2	14.75	3.6	34.2
Middle Atlantic .....	18.10	1.5	35.8	18.39	1.6	35.7	13.58	1.6	36.2
East North Central .....	16.08	.8	36.2	16.55	.8	36.2	13.55	1.3	36.5
West North Central .....	14.85	1.6	36.5	15.83	2.4	36.5	12.10	2.3	36.4
South Atlantic .....	14.40	1.0	37.1	14.89	.7	37.0	12.00	4.4	37.7
East South Central .....	11.87	2.3	37.7	13.88	2.2	36.9	9.97	4.3	38.6
West South Central .....	14.62	1.8	37.2	14.86	2.1	37.2	13.08	5.6	37.1
Mountain .....	14.58	2.7	36.4	14.73	3.4	36.5	13.99	3.3	36.0
Pacific .....	17.86	1.3	36.2	18.04	1.3	36.2	14.96	2.8	35.6

<sup>1</sup> Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, and holidays; nonproduction bonuses; and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

<sup>2</sup> Metropolitan areas can be a Metropolitan Statistical Area or Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the Office of Management and Budget, 1994. Nonmetropolitan areas are counties that do not fit the definitions above. For more information, see Technical Note.

<sup>3</sup> In this census division, collection was conducted between June 1998 and April 1999. The average reference period was November 1998.

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are at least partially based on productivity payments such as piece rates, commissions, and production bonuses.

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Table 3. Selected occupations, East South Central: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> and weekly hours for full-time and part-time workers,<sup>2</sup> National Compensation Survey,<sup>3</sup> 1998

Occupation <sup>4</sup>	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>All</b> .....	\$11.87	2.3	37.7	\$12.14	2.4	39.9	\$7.71	2.3	20.4
All excluding sales .....	12.16	2.3	37.8	12.42	2.3	39.9	7.85	2.6	20.2
<b>White collar</b> .....	15.05	2.1	37.7	15.36	2.2	39.9	10.22	2.5	20.4
White collar excluding sales .....	16.98	1.7	37.9	17.20	1.7	39.8	12.47	2.4	19.6
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> .....	20.64	1.4	37.2	20.78	1.4	39.2	17.55	3.9	17.4
Professional specialty .....	22.46	1.6	36.9	22.60	1.6	39.1	19.39	4.0	16.0
Engineers, architects, and surveyors .....	24.84	3.9	40.6	24.81	3.9	40.6	—	—	—
Aerospace engineers .....	28.00	4.7	40.0	28.00	4.7	40.0	—	—	—
Civil engineers .....	27.20	5.5	39.2	26.72	5.6	39.2	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic engineers .....	26.85	3.8	40.9	26.85	3.8	40.9	—	—	—
Mechanical engineers .....	26.11	2.5	40.2	26.11	2.5	40.2	—	—	—
Engineers, n.e.c. ....	25.79	4.5	41.1	25.79	4.5	41.1	—	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists .....	24.59	2.4	40.2	24.63	2.5	40.5	—	—	—
Computer systems analysts and scientists .....	24.68	2.7	40.3	24.74	2.7	40.5	—	—	—
Operations and systems researchers and analysts .....	24.35	4.8	40.5	24.05	4.7	40.9	—	—	—
Natural scientists .....	24.30	.5	40.6	24.30	.5	40.6	—	—	—
Health related .....	19.24	.8	35.8	19.05	1.0	39.4	21.07	3.6	18.8
Physicians .....	47.58	21.7	29.3	42.28	21.0	41.4	—	—	—
Registered nurses .....	17.77	.9	35.8	17.79	1.0	39.3	17.58	2.8	19.3
Pharmacists .....	27.65	2.7	38.5	27.37	2.9	40.0	—	—	—
Dietitians .....	14.50	2.7	40.7	14.50	2.7	40.7	—	—	—
Respiratory therapists .....	16.65	1.9	39.0	16.66	1.9	39.2	—	—	—
Physical therapists .....	25.16	2.9	32.5	25.03	1.0	40.0	25.54	12.2	20.7
Speech therapists .....	20.26	5.0	40.0	20.26	5.0	40.0	—	—	—
Therapists, n.e.c. ....	15.45	5.3	38.3	15.45	5.3	38.3	—	—	—
Teachers, college and university .....	29.29	3.7	34.4	28.72	2.9	38.0	42.58	13.0	10.8
History teachers .....	31.76	3.1	34.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Business, commerce, and marketing teachers ..	36.10	15.4	30.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Art, drama, and music teachers .....	25.52	5.8	27.1	25.20	5.9	39.5	—	—	—
English teachers .....	22.81	6.9	28.0	22.43	6.9	37.5	—	—	—
Trade and industrial teachers .....	26.95	6.4	34.4	29.07	2.5	35.3	—	—	—
Teachers, post secondary, n.e.c. ....	24.82	1.3	34.3	24.72	1.3	38.4	—	—	—
Teachers, except college and university .....	23.77	2.7	35.8	24.17	2.6	37.8	7.75	3.6	11.3
Prekindergarten and kindergarten .....	12.79	17.9	36.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Elementary school teachers .....	23.86	1.5	38.0	23.86	1.5	38.0	—	—	—
Secondary school teachers .....	24.40	2.7	37.4	24.40	2.7	37.4	—	—	—
Teachers, special education .....	25.54	5.4	36.6	25.54	5.4	36.6	—	—	—
Teachers, n.e.c. ....	24.28	2.1	36.5	24.77	2.3	38.0	—	—	—
Substitute teachers .....	6.90	2.2	10.2	—	—	—	6.86	2.2	10.0
Vocational and educational counselors .....	27.49	13.1	39.0	27.49	13.1	39.0	—	—	—
Librarians, archivists, and curators .....	19.01	2.1	37.5	19.31	2.6	38.7	—	—	—
Librarians .....	19.54	2.2	37.0	19.94	2.8	38.4	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners .....	19.24	2.1	39.4	19.21	2.4	41.2	—	—	—
Psychologists .....	20.64	5.0	37.7	20.76	5.1	40.0	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers .....	13.20	4.3	39.1	13.21	4.3	39.6	—	—	—
Social workers .....	13.33	4.4	39.2	13.34	4.5	39.5	—	—	—
Recreation workers .....	10.42	2.8	38.7	10.49	2.7	39.7	—	—	—
Lawyers and judges .....	34.16	12.2	36.7	35.27	11.5	46.7	23.54	7.2	12.1
Lawyers .....	34.16	12.2	36.7	35.27	11.5	46.7	23.54	7.2	12.1
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c. ....	19.29	3.2	38.9	19.33	2.8	40.4	18.19	14.4	19.9
Editors and reporters .....	23.10	5.4	41.4	23.11	5.4	41.8	—	—	—
Public relations specialists .....	15.37	3.4	39.3	15.45	3.4	39.5	—	—	—
Professional, n.e.c. ....	17.58	2.9	39.0	17.07	4.1	39.1	—	—	—
Technical .....	14.47	1.5	38.0	14.57	1.3	39.5	12.72	9.8	22.7
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	14.69	6.1	38.0	14.73	6.4	39.7	—	—	—
Health record technologists and technicians .....	11.74	5.6	38.2	11.27	5.4	39.7	—	—	—
Radiological technicians .....	13.32	2.6	38.6	13.30	2.6	39.1	—	—	—
Licensed practical nurses .....	11.37	3.4	37.0	11.26	2.6	39.6	12.27	14.6	24.0
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c. ....	12.28	2.2	37.3	12.28	2.3	40.0	12.27	10.4	18.6
Electrical and electronic technicians .....	17.87	3.9	40.4	17.87	3.9	40.4	—	—	—

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Table 3. Selected occupations, East South Central: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> and weekly hours for full-time and part-time workers,<sup>2</sup> National Compensation Survey,<sup>3</sup> 1998—Continued

Occupation <sup>4</sup>	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>White collar</b> —Continued									
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> —Continued									
Technical—Continued									
Engineering technicians, n.e.c. ....	\$16.96	1.9	39.7	\$16.96	1.9	39.7	—	—	—
Drafters .....	16.07	1.2	40.9	16.07	1.2	40.9	—	—	—
Biological technicians .....	15.52	4.7	40.0	15.52	4.7	40.0	—	—	—
Chemical technicians .....	15.23	6.3	40.0	15.23	6.3	40.0	—	—	—
Science technicians, n.e.c. ....	17.71	6.7	39.5	17.71	6.7	39.5	—	—	—
Computer programmers .....	19.04	2.1	40.5	19.04	2.1	40.5	—	—	—
Legal assistants .....	15.41	2.4	40.2	15.41	2.4	40.2	—	—	—
Technical and related, n.e.c. ....	14.82	4.3	36.9	15.05	4.5	39.5	—	—	—
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial</b> .....									
Executives, administrators, and managers .....	23.63	3.9	40.5	23.64	3.8	41.1	\$22.28	15.3	16.6
Legislators .....	24.62	5.0	40.7	24.63	4.9	41.6	24.18	17.8	14.5
Administrators and officials, public administration .....	30.77	39.8	9.4	—	—	—	53.91	31.5	4.6
Financial managers .....	21.66	6.0	36.9	21.81	7.1	39.9	—	—	—
Personnel and labor relations managers .....	25.35	4.9	41.2	25.35	4.9	41.2	—	—	—
Purchasing managers .....	21.30	6.7	39.7	21.30	6.7	39.7	—	—	—
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations .....	23.29	1.4	41.0	23.29	1.4	41.0	—	—	—
Administrators, education and related fields .....	28.86	.8	41.0	29.25	.5	41.5	—	—	—
Managers, medicine and health .....	29.13	3.7	39.3	29.13	3.7	39.3	—	—	—
Managers, food servicing and lodging establishments .....	26.82	3.2	40.5	26.82	3.2	40.5	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c. ....	15.70	5.2	39.9	15.74	5.3	40.2	—	—	—
Management related .....	30.48	5.5	44.2	30.48	5.5	44.2	—	—	—
Accountants and auditors .....	21.33	2.1	39.9	21.37	2.1	40.1	—	—	—
Other financial officers .....	17.88	3.9	39.5	17.90	4.0	39.8	—	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists .....	20.64	11.0	40.5	20.62	11.1	40.8	—	—	—
Buyers, wholesale and retail trade, except farm products .....	21.81	3.0	39.1	22.14	2.9	39.7	—	—	—
Purchasing agents and buyers, n.e.c. ....	21.89	14.3	40.0	21.89	14.3	40.0	—	—	—
Inspectors and compliance officers, except construction .....	17.31	6.6	40.0	17.31	6.6	40.0	—	—	—
Sales .....	16.22	3.1	39.2	16.22	3.1	39.2	—	—	—
Supervisors, sales .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.98	1.6	21.7
Advertising and related sales .....	16.70	10.0	41.2	16.70	10.0	41.2	—	—	—
Sales, other business services .....	13.66	17.4	39.7	13.66	17.4	39.7	—	—	—
Sales representatives, mining, manufacturing, and wholesale .....	20.58	7.6	36.9	19.29	9.2	39.4	—	—	—
Sales workers, motor vehicles and boats .....	22.37	5.9	41.6	22.37	5.9	41.6	—	—	—
Sales workers, apparel .....	15.31	5.5	47.6	15.31	5.5	47.6	—	—	—
Sales workers, radio, tv, hi-fi, and appliances .....	7.84	1.8	25.2	—	—	—	7.12	1.2	21.4
Sales workers, hardware and building supplies .....	10.33	24.0	23.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales workers, parts .....	9.75	3.1	36.2	10.38	3.1	40.0	—	—	—
Sales workers, other commodities .....	11.18	1.2	38.3	11.40	1.4	40.1	—	—	—
Sales counter clerks .....	9.06	1.3	30.7	9.37	1.4	37.9	8.36	1.6	21.5
Cashiers .....	5.98	2.3	24.6	—	—	—	5.76	3.6	20.8
Sales support, n.e.c. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.92	1.3	21.5
Administrative support, including clerical .....	9.02	4.4	34.6	9.20	4.4	41.2	—	—	—
Supervisors, general office .....	10.82	1.8	37.6	10.96	1.8	39.7	8.82	3.7	21.4
Supervisors, financial records processing .....	13.63	7.4	39.9	13.63	7.4	39.9	—	—	—
Supervisors, distribution, scheduling, and adjusting clerks .....	17.82	3.7	40.5	17.82	3.7	40.5	—	—	—
Computer operators .....	17.31	6.7	40.3	17.31	6.7	40.3	—	—	—
Secretaries .....	14.29	4.5	39.6	14.31	4.5	39.7	—	—	—
Stenographers .....	10.99	3.1	38.1	11.05	3.0	39.6	9.50	6.5	20.6
Typists .....	11.19	6.0	39.4	11.19	6.0	39.4	—	—	—
	10.76	7.4	39.4	10.76	7.4	39.4	—	—	—

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Table 3. Selected occupations, East South Central: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> and weekly hours for full-time and part-time workers,<sup>2</sup> National Compensation Survey,<sup>3</sup> 1998—Continued

Occupation <sup>4</sup>	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>White collar</b> —Continued									
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> —Continued									
Interviewers .....	\$8.76	6.0	40.0	\$8.76	6.0	40.0	—	—	—
Hotel clerks .....	6.87	1.3	38.1	6.88	1.4	38.2	—	—	—
Receptionists .....	8.19	2.8	37.0	8.34	2.8	39.6	\$6.97	3.5	24.0
Information clerks, n.e.c. ....	9.85	8.2	36.9	10.11	7.7	40.0	—	—	—
Order clerks .....	9.00	4.2	36.9	10.17	4.0	40.0	—	—	—
Personnel clerks, except payroll and timekeeping .....	13.99	4.1	39.5	14.00	4.2	40.0	—	—	—
Library clerks .....	7.75	1.8	31.2	8.08	1.8	40.0	6.41	3.3	16.6
File clerks .....	8.23	1.1	37.4	8.46	1.1	39.7	—	—	—
Records clerks, n.e.c. ....	10.91	3.5	39.5	10.96	3.4	39.8	—	—	—
Payroll and timekeeping clerks .....	10.16	5.2	35.7	10.69	2.2	39.8	—	—	—
Billing clerks .....	9.89	1.4	36.1	9.94	1.4	40.0	—	—	—
Telephone operators .....	9.49	1.4	35.2	9.82	1.6	39.7	7.77	3.5	22.1
Mail clerks, except postal service .....	8.34	11.2	36.8	8.50	12.7	40.0	—	—	—
Dispatchers .....	11.18	3.6	38.1	11.58	2.3	40.0	—	—	—
Production coordinators .....	13.29	3.5	40.1	13.29	3.5	40.1	—	—	—
Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks .....	13.46	11.0	31.0	14.65	11.0	40.1	—	—	—
Stock and inventory clerks .....	10.37	3.5	37.5	10.46	3.4	40.0	—	—	—
Meter readers .....	14.24	5.6	40.0	14.24	5.6	40.0	—	—	—
Material recording, scheduling, and distribution clerks, n.e.c. ....	10.15	6.7	32.5	11.89	4.7	39.6	—	—	—
Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators .....	15.04	24.3	39.5	15.04	24.3	39.5	—	—	—
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance ...	10.26	6.5	38.8	10.32	6.9	39.7	—	—	—
Eligibility clerks, social welfare .....	10.28	2.9	40.0	10.28	2.9	40.0	—	—	—
General office clerks .....	9.57	1.8	38.6	9.61	1.8	39.7	8.26	2.8	20.3
Bank tellers .....	9.14	5.5	33.1	8.88	4.5	39.5	—	—	—
Data entry keyers .....	8.84	1.7	37.1	9.02	1.8	39.7	7.48	3.7	24.6
Teachers' aides .....	7.99	1.7	33.9	7.94	1.8	37.7	8.27	.8	20.3
Administrative support, n.e.c. ....	9.96	6.8	38.3	9.94	7.1	39.9	10.37	13.8	21.2
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	11.43	3.9	39.2	11.53	4.0	40.2	7.75	1.7	20.6
<b>Precision production, craft, and repair</b> .....	14.40	7.9	40.0	14.41	8.0	40.1	9.29	16.5	21.4
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers .....	19.54	3.8	40.0	19.54	3.8	40.0	—	—	—
Automobile mechanics .....	15.38	2.3	40.5	15.38	2.3	40.5	—	—	—
Bus, truck, and stationary engine mechanics ....	12.85	3.3	40.1	12.85	3.3	40.1	—	—	—
Heavy equipment mechanics .....	16.13	5.5	40.0	16.13	5.5	40.0	—	—	—
Industrial machinery repairers .....	16.94	3.6	40.0	16.94	3.6	40.0	—	—	—
Machinery maintenance .....	11.33	6.4	41.1	11.34	6.4	41.1	—	—	—
Electronic repairers, communications and industrial equipment .....	14.16	5.5	40.0	14.16	5.5	40.0	—	—	—
Telephone line installers and repairers .....	17.15	3.0	40.0	17.15	3.0	40.0	—	—	—
Telephone installers and repairers .....	16.50	.8	40.0	16.50	.8	40.0	—	—	—
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics .....	12.95	2.3	39.8	12.95	2.3	39.8	—	—	—
Mechanical controls and valve repairers .....	17.81	6.4	40.0	17.81	6.4	40.0	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c. ....	12.51	7.2	40.0	12.51	7.2	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, electricians and power transmission installers .....	21.23	2.1	40.0	21.23	2.1	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, construction trades, n.e.c. ....	18.65	3.3	41.6	18.65	3.3	41.6	—	—	—
Carpenters .....	15.56	7.6	40.0	15.56	7.6	40.0	—	—	—
Electricians .....	15.92	3.6	40.0	15.92	3.6	40.0	—	—	—
Electrician apprentices .....	9.92	4.4	40.0	9.92	4.4	40.0	—	—	—
Electrical power installers and repairers .....	17.62	2.0	40.0	17.62	2.0	40.0	—	—	—
Painters, construction and maintenance .....	14.76	10.4	40.0	14.76	10.4	40.0	—	—	—
Plumbers, pipefitters and steamfitters .....	18.69	10.5	40.0	18.69	10.5	40.0	—	—	—
Structural metal workers .....	11.39	1.1	40.0	11.39	1.1	40.0	—	—	—
Construction trades, n.e.c. ....	11.88	11.0	36.8	11.75	10.6	38.5	—	—	—
Supervisors, production .....	19.95	2.4	41.1	19.95	2.4	41.1	—	—	—

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Table 3. Selected occupations, East South Central: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> and weekly hours for full-time and part-time workers,<sup>2</sup> National Compensation Survey,<sup>3</sup> 1998—Continued

Occupation <sup>4</sup>	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>Blue collar —Continued</b>									
<b>Precision production, craft, and repair —Continued</b>									
Tool and die makers .....	\$20.32	4.7	40.0	\$20.32	4.7	40.0	—	—	—
Machinists .....	15.08	1.4	40.0	15.08	1.4	40.0	—	—	—
Sheet metal workers .....	12.20	3.2	40.0	12.20	3.2	40.0	—	—	—
Butchers and meat cutters .....	9.88	4.8	40.0	9.88	4.8	40.0	—	—	—
Inspectors, testers, and graders .....	13.87	5.1	38.8	14.22	6.2	40.5	—	—	—
Water and sewer treatment plant operators .....	11.75	8.0	40.0	11.75	8.0	40.0	—	—	—
Power plant operators .....	18.32	1.9	40.0	18.32	1.9	40.0	—	—	—
Miscellaneous plant and system operators, n.e.c. ....	18.68	1.3	40.0	18.68	1.3	40.0	—	—	—
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors</b> .....	11.12	5.0	39.9	11.13	5.0	39.9	\$8.15	7.3	27.3
Punching and stamping press operators .....	11.05	1.1	40.0	11.05	1.1	40.0	—	—	—
Grinding, abrading, buffing, and polishing machine operators .....	17.13	7.6	40.0	17.13	7.6	40.0	—	—	—
Fabricating machine operators, n.e.c. ....	10.11	3.6	39.9	10.11	3.6	39.9	—	—	—
Molding and casting machine operators .....	8.56	1.2	39.4	8.56	1.2	39.4	—	—	—
Printing press operators .....	12.74	2.1	38.3	12.80	2.1	39.1	—	—	—
Winding and twisting machine operators .....	9.69	3.8	40.0	9.69	3.8	40.0	—	—	—
Textile sewing machine operators .....	7.51	2.8	40.0	7.51	2.8	40.0	—	—	—
Laundering and dry cleaning machine operators .....	6.82	2.8	37.9	6.87	3.1	39.6	—	—	—
Extruding and forming machine operators .....	10.79	5.3	39.6	10.79	5.3	39.6	—	—	—
Mixing and blending machine operators .....	15.59	6.6	40.0	15.59	6.6	40.0	—	—	—
Compressing and compacting machine operators .....	11.27	2.4	39.9	11.27	2.4	39.9	—	—	—
Furnace, kiln, and oven operators, except food .....	11.77	7.1	40.0	11.77	7.1	40.0	—	—	—
Photographic process machine operators .....	13.35	4.6	36.8	14.50	1.9	40.0	—	—	—
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c. ....	13.27	16.3	40.0	13.29	16.4	40.0	—	—	—
Welders and cutters .....	12.92	2.3	39.5	12.89	2.4	40.0	—	—	—
Assemblers .....	11.82	11.8	39.8	11.85	11.8	40.0	7.40	4.1	25.7
Production inspectors, checkers and examiners .....	9.97	10.6	40.1	10.00	10.8	40.1	—	—	—
Production testers .....	15.01	12.5	40.0	15.01	12.5	40.0	—	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving</b> .....	12.68	6.1	39.9	12.88	6.2	42.0	8.94	3.7	20.6
Supervisors, motor vehicle operators .....	17.16	1.6	42.3	17.16	1.6	42.3	—	—	—
Truck drivers .....	13.16	2.0	44.4	13.21	2.0	44.7	—	—	—
Driver-sales workers .....	12.77	2.4	39.2	13.03	2.7	42.1	—	—	—
Bus drivers .....	10.83	3.8	25.3	12.51	4.5	32.2	9.13	5.0	20.8
Motor transportation, n.e.c. ....	9.70	6.6	39.8	9.84	6.3	40.0	—	—	—
Operating engineers .....	13.77	1.4	40.0	13.77	1.4	40.0	—	—	—
Crane and tower operators .....	13.34	2.7	40.0	13.34	2.7	40.0	—	—	—
Excavating and loading machine operators .....	14.84	6.9	40.0	14.84	6.9	40.0	—	—	—
Grader, dozer, and scrapper operators .....	9.55	1.3	40.0	9.55	1.3	40.0	—	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators .....	9.89	2.7	40.0	9.89	2.7	40.0	—	—	—
Miscellaneous material moving equipment operators, n.e.c. ....	11.38	3.0	33.3	11.83	4.1	40.0	—	—	—
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers</b> .....	8.55	1.5	37.5	8.64	1.7	40.0	7.28	1.3	20.3
Supervisors, handlers, equipment cleaners, and laborers, n.e.c. ....	14.43	2.9	41.6	14.43	2.9	41.6	—	—	—
Helpers, mechanics and repairers .....	11.47	5.6	40.0	11.47	5.6	40.0	—	—	—
Helpers, construction trades .....	9.99	1.6	40.0	9.99	1.6	40.0	—	—	—
Construction laborers .....	9.27	4.2	39.6	9.30	4.2	39.9	—	—	—
Production helpers .....	8.69	10.2	40.0	8.69	10.2	40.0	—	—	—
Garbage collectors .....	8.52	3.9	40.0	8.52	3.9	40.0	—	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers .....	7.58	3.0	33.4	8.05	4.2	39.6	5.83	1.4	21.1
Machine feeders and offbearers .....	10.04	6.8	39.8	10.05	6.8	40.0	—	—	—
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c. ....	8.84	6.4	35.4	8.73	7.2	40.1	—	—	—
Garage and service station related .....	7.22	.6	37.8	7.17	.6	40.0	—	—	—
Vehicle washers and equipment cleaners .....	9.00	6.2	26.2	9.36	5.9	40.0	—	—	—

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Occupation <sup>4</sup>	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>Blue collar—Continued</b>									
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers—Continued</b>									
Hand packers and packagers .....	\$7.72	3.3	39.2	\$7.77	3.5	40.0	\$6.05	4.8	22.6
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c. ....	8.50	2.3	39.4	8.52	2.4	39.9	6.86	4.1	20.5
<b>Service</b>									
Protective service .....	7.63	.7	36.2	7.87	.8	39.7	5.41	1.3	20.3
Protective service .....	10.52	1.2	40.2	10.58	1.2	41.0	7.51	3.3	20.5
Supervisors, firefighters and fire prevention .....	15.40	7.1	52.3	15.40	7.1	52.3	—	—	—
Supervisors, police and detectives .....	18.14	3.9	40.1	18.14	3.9	40.1	—	—	—
Supervisors, guards .....	12.87	2.7	37.9	12.87	2.7	37.9	—	—	—
Firefighting .....	11.43	2.9	52.1	11.43	2.9	52.1	—	—	—
Police and detectives, public service .....	14.21	2.7	38.7	14.24	2.6	40.0	—	—	—
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers .....	11.45	3.4	40.0	11.46	3.5	40.1	—	—	—
Correctional institution officers .....	10.78	1.4	39.8	10.78	1.4	39.8	—	—	—
Guards and police, except public service .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.63	4.2	22.9
Protective service, n.e.c. ....	9.59	2.8	35.4	9.97	2.8	39.3	6.42	3.7	19.4
Food service .....	5.79	.5	35.8	—	—	—	4.91	1.6	21.3
Supervisors, food preparation and service .....	9.71	4.1	36.7	9.98	4.7	40.6	—	—	—
Bartenders .....	5.48	5.9	30.1	5.51	7.0	36.3	—	—	—
Waiters and waitresses .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.74	4.6	20.6
Cooks .....	7.60	2.3	34.2	7.79	2.7	37.5	6.40	4.4	22.1
Food counter, fountain, and related .....	5.75	1.0	27.0	—	—	—	5.58	1.0	20.0
Kitchen workers, food preparation .....	7.43	5.3	33.5	7.76	4.7	37.9	6.32	6.8	24.1
Waiters/Waitresses' assistants .....	5.18	6.1	23.3	5.53	1.7	34.4	5.07	7.9	21.0
Food preparation, n.e.c. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.90	1.9	22.9
Health service .....	7.51	2.0	36.4	7.50	2.0	39.4	7.64	4.1	20.1
Health aides, except nursing .....	8.67	4.0	33.8	8.77	4.2	39.7	8.22	10.5	20.1
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants .....	7.25	2.1	37.1	7.24	2.1	39.3	7.27	3.7	20.1
Cleaning and building service .....	7.95	1.8	37.8	8.01	1.8	39.1	6.65	3.9	21.2
Maids and housemen .....	6.34	2.9	38.2	6.36	3.0	38.6	—	—	—
Janitors and cleaners .....	7.87	2.4	35.4	7.99	2.7	38.2	6.73	4.2	20.9
Personal service .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Baggage porters and bellhops .....	7.53	2.8	32.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Welfare service aides .....	—	—	—	6.32	3.0	40.0	—	—	—
Early childhood teachers' assistants .....	7.49	5.5	32.5	7.77	7.3	35.6	—	—	—
Child care workers, n.e.c. ....	6.63	5.0	31.7	—	—	—	7.60	.8	18.5
Service, n.e.c. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.23	5.6	18.7

<sup>1</sup> Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, and holidays; nonproduction bonuses; and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

<sup>2</sup> All workers include full-time and part-time workers. Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

<sup>3</sup> In this census division, collection was conducted between June 1998 and April 1999.

The average reference period was November 1998.

<sup>4</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. For more information, see Technical Note.

<sup>5</sup> The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see Technical Note.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria, and n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Table 4. Selected occupations, East South Central, private industry: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> for full-time and part-time workers,<sup>2</sup> National Compensation Survey,<sup>3</sup> 1998

Occupation <sup>4</sup>	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>All</b> .....	\$11.21	2.6	37.9	\$11.48	2.6	40.1	\$7.24	2.7	20.9
All excluding sales .....	11.46	2.6	38.0	11.72	2.6	40.1	7.30	3.1	20.7
<b>White collar</b> .....	13.98	2.7	38.0	14.29	2.8	40.2	9.51	3.8	21.3
White collar excluding sales .....	16.13	2.4	38.5	16.36	2.4	40.3	11.80	3.8	21.0
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> .....	19.62	2.2	37.9	19.72	2.2	40.0	17.75	5.6	19.8
Professional specialty .....	22.04	2.3	37.9	22.13	2.4	40.3	20.49	3.4	18.5
Engineers, architects, and surveyors .....	24.76	4.0	40.7	24.73	4.0	40.7	-	-	-
Aerospace engineers .....	28.00	4.7	40.0	28.00	4.7	40.0	-	-	-
Electrical and electronic engineers .....	26.87	5.0	41.0	26.87	5.0	41.0	-	-	-
Mechanical engineers .....	26.11	2.5	40.2	26.11	2.5	40.2	-	-	-
Engineers, n.e.c. ....	25.61	4.5	41.2	25.61	4.5	41.2	-	-	-
Mathematical and computer scientists .....	25.03	2.3	40.4	25.07	2.3	40.6	-	-	-
Computer systems analysts and scientists .....	24.95	2.5	40.4	25.01	2.5	40.6	-	-	-
Operations and systems researchers and analysts .....	25.45	3.3	40.5	25.16	3.2	41.0	-	-	-
Natural scientists .....	25.32	.5	40.9	25.32	.5	40.9	-	-	-
Health related .....	19.39	1.2	35.2	19.15	1.5	39.3	21.48	4.1	18.7
Registered nurses .....	17.47	1.4	35.2	17.48	1.3	39.1	17.37	3.9	19.5
Pharmacists .....	27.64	3.7	40.0	27.64	3.7	40.0	-	-	-
Respiratory therapists .....	16.16	1.0	38.6	16.16	1.0	38.6	-	-	-
Physical therapists .....	25.03	3.3	31.6	24.83	1.1	40.0	25.54	12.2	20.7
Speech therapists .....	20.26	5.0	40.0	20.26	5.0	40.0	-	-	-
Teachers, college and university .....	26.89	12.2	30.7	27.11	11.9	37.6	-	-	-
Teachers, except college and university .....	15.16	5.3	34.9	15.98	6.8	38.1	-	-	-
Elementary school teachers .....	17.22	5.9	37.0	17.17	5.9	38.3	-	-	-
Librarians, archivists, and curators .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social scientists and urban planners .....	15.10	6.8	38.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social, recreation, and religious workers .....	12.53	4.8	39.2	12.53	4.9	40.3	-	-	-
Social workers .....	12.67	5.4	39.1	12.68	5.6	40.3	-	-	-
Lawyers and judges .....	37.59	7.0	48.2	37.59	7.0	48.2	-	-	-
Lawyers .....	37.59	7.0	48.2	37.59	7.0	48.2	-	-	-
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c. ....	19.89	4.1	39.0	20.05	3.7	40.7	-	-	-
Editors and reporters .....	23.10	5.4	41.4	23.11	5.4	41.8	-	-	-
Public relations specialists .....	17.79	7.2	39.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional, n.e.c. ....	17.38	1.6	40.0	17.38	1.6	40.0	-	-	-
Technical .....	14.80	1.6	38.0	14.93	1.3	39.5	12.54	12.5	22.9
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	14.57	7.3	38.5	14.70	7.4	39.6	-	-	-
Radiological technicians .....	13.35	3.0	38.7	13.33	3.1	39.0	-	-	-
Licensed practical nurses .....	11.33	3.8	36.5	11.18	2.5	39.6	12.36	15.3	24.0
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c. ....	12.44	2.4	37.6	12.29	1.8	40.1	-	-	-
Electrical and electronic technicians .....	18.41	4.6	40.6	18.41	4.6	40.6	-	-	-
Engineering technicians, n.e.c. ....	18.24	1.0	40.0	18.24	1.0	40.0	-	-	-
Drafters .....	16.07	1.2	40.9	16.07	1.2	40.9	-	-	-
Chemical technicians .....	15.23	6.3	40.0	15.23	6.3	40.0	-	-	-
Computer programmers .....	19.10	2.0	40.5	19.10	2.0	40.5	-	-	-
Legal assistants .....	14.79	.8	40.7	14.79	.8	40.7	-	-	-
Technical and related, n.e.c. ....	16.16	4.7	36.2	16.60	4.8	40.0	-	-	-
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial</b> .....	23.56	9.0	41.4	23.59	9.0	41.5	16.76	3.8	27.0
Executives, administrators, and managers .....	24.22	14.0	42.1	24.25	14.0	42.2	-	-	-
Financial managers .....	25.41	4.9	41.2	25.41	4.9	41.2	-	-	-
Personnel and labor relations managers .....	21.57	7.3	39.6	21.57	7.3	39.6	-	-	-
Purchasing managers .....	23.29	1.4	41.0	23.29	1.4	41.0	-	-	-
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations .....	28.85	.8	41.0	29.25	.5	41.5	-	-	-
Administrators, education and related fields .....	18.72	16.1	38.8	18.72	16.1	38.8	-	-	-
Managers, medicine and health .....	26.63	3.4	40.6	26.63	3.4	40.6	-	-	-
Managers, food servicing and lodging establishments .....	13.72	7.6	40.0	13.75	7.7	40.4	-	-	-
Managers and administrators, n.e.c. ....	30.82	5.4	44.5	30.82	5.4	44.5	-	-	-
Management related .....	22.17	2.1	40.0	22.22	2.1	40.3	-	-	-

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Table 4. Selected occupations, East South Central, private industry: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> for full-time and part-time workers,<sup>2</sup> National Compensation Survey,<sup>3</sup> 1998—Continued

Occupation <sup>4</sup>	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>White collar</b> —Continued									
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial</b>									
—Continued									
Management related—Continued									
Accountants and auditors .....	\$18.50	5.6	39.7	\$18.55	5.9	40.2	—	—	—
Other financial officers .....	20.74	12.8	40.9	20.72	12.9	41.2	—	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists .....	21.97	3.7	39.2	22.35	3.6	39.8	—	—	—
Buyers, wholesale and retail trade, except farm products .....	21.89	14.3	40.0	21.89	14.3	40.0	—	—	—
Purchasing agents and buyers, n.e.c. ....	17.31	6.6	40.0	17.31	6.6	40.0	—	—	—
<b>Sales</b> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$6.98	1.6	21.6
Supervisors, sales .....	16.76	10.2	41.2	16.77	10.2	41.2	—	—	—
Advertising and related sales .....	13.66	17.4	39.7	13.66	17.4	39.7	—	—	—
Sales, other business services .....	20.58	7.6	36.9	19.29	9.2	39.4	—	—	—
Sales representatives, mining, manufacturing, and wholesale .....	22.37	5.9	41.6	22.37	5.9	41.6	—	—	—
Sales workers, motor vehicles and boats .....	15.31	5.5	47.6	15.31	5.5	47.6	—	—	—
Sales workers, apparel .....	7.84	1.8	25.2	—	—	—	7.12	1.2	21.4
Sales workers, radio, tv, hi-fi, and appliances ...	10.33	24.0	23.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales workers, hardware and building supplies .....	9.75	3.1	36.2	10.38	3.1	40.0	—	—	—
Sales workers, parts .....	11.18	1.2	38.3	11.40	1.4	40.1	—	—	—
Sales workers, other commodities .....	9.09	1.3	30.4	9.44	1.2	37.8	8.36	1.6	21.5
Sales counter clerks .....	5.98	2.4	24.9	—	—	—	5.75	3.7	21.0
Cashiers .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.91	1.3	21.5
Sales support, n.e.c. ....	9.02	4.4	34.6	9.20	4.4	41.2	—	—	—
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> .....	10.98	2.2	37.7	11.13	2.2	39.9	8.97	4.2	21.5
Supervisors, general office .....	15.09	5.7	39.8	15.09	5.7	39.8	—	—	—
Supervisors, financial records processing .....	18.74	4.5	40.9	18.74	4.5	40.9	—	—	—
Supervisors, distribution, scheduling, and adjusting clerks .....	17.69	6.9	42.6	17.69	6.9	42.6	—	—	—
Computer operators .....	14.34	4.5	39.8	14.35	4.5	39.9	—	—	—
Secretaries .....	11.05	4.6	37.6	11.15	4.5	39.7	9.40	8.0	19.7
Stenographers .....	11.14	7.7	39.3	11.14	7.7	39.3	—	—	—
Typists .....	12.77	6.3	38.9	12.77	6.3	38.9	—	—	—
Interviewers .....	8.76	6.1	40.0	8.76	6.1	40.0	—	—	—
Hotel clerks .....	6.87	1.3	38.1	6.88	1.4	38.2	—	—	—
Receptionists .....	8.12	2.8	37.6	8.24	2.8	39.7	6.90	4.5	23.8
Information clerks, n.e.c. ....	9.85	8.6	36.8	10.12	8.0	40.0	—	—	—
Order clerks .....	9.00	4.2	36.9	10.17	4.0	40.0	—	—	—
Personnel clerks, except payroll and timekeeping .....	13.35	5.5	39.4	13.35	5.6	40.0	—	—	—
File clerks .....	8.18	1.2	37.1	8.43	1.2	39.6	—	—	—
Records clerks, n.e.c. ....	10.99	3.5	39.7	11.00	3.4	39.8	—	—	—
Payroll and timekeeping clerks .....	10.04	5.8	35.3	10.61	2.5	39.8	—	—	—
Billing clerks .....	9.92	1.3	38.8	9.94	1.4	40.0	—	—	—
Telephone operators .....	9.65	1.1	34.8	10.05	1.0	39.6	7.77	3.5	22.1
Mail clerks, except postal service .....	8.38	11.4	37.1	8.50	12.7	40.0	—	—	—
Dispatchers .....	12.07	1.7	40.0	12.07	1.7	40.0	—	—	—
Production coordinators .....	13.33	3.5	40.1	13.33	3.5	40.1	—	—	—
Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks .....	13.49	11.1	30.9	14.70	10.9	40.1	—	—	—
Stock and inventory clerks .....	10.72	4.0	37.3	10.76	4.0	40.0	—	—	—
Material recording, scheduling, and distribution clerks, n.e.c. ....	10.05	6.5	32.4	11.77	4.3	39.5	—	—	—
Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators .....	15.04	24.3	39.5	15.04	24.3	39.5	—	—	—
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance ...	10.26	6.5	38.8	10.32	6.9	39.7	—	—	—
Eligibility clerks, social welfare .....	9.38	3.3	40.0	9.38	3.3	40.0	—	—	—
General office clerks .....	9.74	2.9	38.7	9.77	2.9	39.8	8.65	4.6	18.5
Bank tellers .....	9.14	5.5	33.1	8.88	4.5	39.5	—	—	—
Data entry keyers .....	8.74	1.8	37.0	8.91	2.0	39.8	7.48	3.7	24.6

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Table 4. Selected occupations, East South Central, private industry: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> for full-time and part-time workers,<sup>2</sup> National Compensation Survey,<sup>3</sup> 1998—Continued

Occupation <sup>4</sup>	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>White collar</b> —Continued									
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> —Continued									
Administrative support, n.e.c. ....	\$9.63	6.7	38.2	\$9.59	6.8	40.0	\$10.40	13.8	21.3
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	11.40	4.1	39.3	11.51	4.2	40.3	7.48	1.2	20.8
<b>Precision production, craft, and repair</b> .....	14.44	8.7	40.1	14.45	8.8	40.1	—	—	—
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers .....	19.78	4.2	40.1	19.78	4.2	40.1	—	—	—
Automobile mechanics .....	16.13	2.3	40.6	16.13	2.3	40.6	—	—	—
Bus, truck, and stationary engine mechanics .....	12.82	3.3	40.1	12.82	3.3	40.1	—	—	—
Heavy equipment mechanics .....	17.30	5.5	40.0	17.30	5.5	40.0	—	—	—
Industrial machinery repairers .....	16.94	3.6	40.0	16.94	3.6	40.0	—	—	—
Machinery maintenance .....	11.60	6.4	41.3	11.60	6.4	41.3	—	—	—
Electronic repairers, communications and industrial equipment .....	14.29	6.3	40.0	14.29	6.3	40.0	—	—	—
Telephone line installers and repairers .....	17.15	3.0	40.0	17.15	3.0	40.0	—	—	—
Telephone installers and repairers .....	16.50	.8	40.0	16.50	.8	40.0	—	—	—
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics .....	14.26	2.1	39.7	14.26	2.1	39.7	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c. ....	12.83	8.4	40.1	12.82	8.4	40.1	—	—	—
Supervisors, electricians and power transmission installers .....	20.11	4.0	40.0	20.11	4.0	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, construction trades, n.e.c. ....	19.76	3.3	42.1	19.76	3.3	42.1	—	—	—
Carpenters .....	15.72	7.5	40.0	15.72	7.5	40.0	—	—	—
Electricians .....	15.87	3.9	40.0	15.87	3.9	40.0	—	—	—
Electrician apprentices .....	9.94	4.5	40.0	9.94	4.5	40.0	—	—	—
Electrical power installers and repairers .....	17.78	4.0	40.0	17.78	4.0	40.0	—	—	—
Plumbers, pipefitters and steamfitters .....	19.78	9.1	40.0	19.78	9.1	40.0	—	—	—
Structural metal workers .....	11.39	1.1	40.0	11.39	1.1	40.0	—	—	—
Construction trades, n.e.c. ....	12.25	15.0	37.9	12.25	15.0	37.9	—	—	—
Supervisors, production .....	19.96	2.4	41.1	19.96	2.4	41.1	—	—	—
Tool and die makers .....	20.32	4.7	40.0	20.32	4.7	40.0	—	—	—
Machinists .....	15.08	1.4	40.0	15.08	1.4	40.0	—	—	—
Sheet metal workers .....	12.20	3.2	40.0	12.20	3.2	40.0	—	—	—
Butchers and meat cutters .....	9.88	4.8	40.0	9.88	4.8	40.0	—	—	—
Inspectors, testers, and graders .....	13.87	5.1	38.8	14.22	6.2	40.5	—	—	—
Miscellaneous plant and system operators, n.e.c. ....	18.68	1.3	40.0	18.68	1.3	40.0	—	—	—
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors</b> .....	11.10	5.1	39.9	11.11	5.1	40.0	8.08	7.7	27.7
Punching and stamping press operators .....	11.05	1.1	40.0	11.05	1.1	40.0	—	—	—
Grinding, abrading, buffing, and polishing machine operators .....	17.13	7.6	40.0	17.13	7.6	40.0	—	—	—
Fabricating machine operators, n.e.c. ....	10.11	3.6	39.9	10.11	3.6	39.9	—	—	—
Molding and casting machine operators .....	8.56	1.2	39.4	8.56	1.2	39.4	—	—	—
Printing press operators .....	13.20	2.9	39.0	13.20	2.9	39.0	—	—	—
Winding and twisting machine operators .....	9.69	3.8	40.0	9.69	3.8	40.0	—	—	—
Textile sewing machine operators .....	7.51	2.8	40.0	7.51	2.8	40.0	—	—	—
Laundering and dry cleaning machine operators .....	6.52	3.0	37.6	6.57	3.3	39.5	—	—	—
Extruding and forming machine operators .....	10.79	5.3	39.6	10.79	5.3	39.6	—	—	—
Mixing and blending machine operators .....	15.59	6.6	40.0	15.59	6.6	40.0	—	—	—
Compressing and compacting machine operators .....	11.27	2.4	39.9	11.27	2.4	39.9	—	—	—
Furnace, kiln, and oven operators, except food .....	11.77	7.1	40.0	11.77	7.1	40.0	—	—	—
Photographic process machine operators .....	13.35	4.6	36.8	14.50	1.9	40.0	—	—	—
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c. ....	13.27	16.4	40.0	13.29	16.4	40.0	—	—	—
Welders and cutters .....	12.34	3.0	39.5	12.30	3.0	40.0	—	—	—
Assemblers .....	11.82	11.8	39.8	11.85	11.8	40.0	7.40	4.1	25.7
Production inspectors, checkers and examiners .....	9.97	10.6	40.1	10.00	10.8	40.1	—	—	—
Production testers .....	15.01	12.5	40.0	15.01	12.5	40.0	—	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving</b> .....	12.97	6.5	41.4	13.11	6.6	42.7	8.40	1.1	21.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Selected occupations, East South Central, private industry: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> for full-time and part-time workers,<sup>2</sup> National Compensation Survey,<sup>3</sup> 1998—Continued

Occupation <sup>4</sup>	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>Blue collar—Continued</b>									
<b>Transportation and material moving—Continued</b>									
Supervisors, motor vehicle operators .....	\$17.55	2.3	42.5	\$17.55	2.3	42.5	—	—	—
Truck drivers .....	13.38	2.0	44.7	13.43	2.0	45.0	—	—	—
Driver-sales workers .....	12.77	2.4	39.2	13.03	2.7	42.1	—	—	—
Motor transportation, n.e.c. ....	9.10	8.8	39.8	9.26	8.6	39.9	—	—	—
Crane and tower operators .....	13.34	2.7	40.0	13.34	2.7	40.0	—	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators .....	9.85	2.7	40.0	9.85	2.7	40.0	—	—	—
Miscellaneous material moving equipment operators, n.e.c. ....	11.57	3.4	32.6	12.15	5.1	40.0	—	—	—
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers</b>									
Supervisors, handlers, equipment cleaners, and laborers, n.e.c. ....	15.32	1.0	42.3	15.32	1.0	42.3	—	—	—
Helpers, mechanics and repairers .....	10.99	6.1	40.0	10.99	6.1	40.0	—	—	—
Helpers, construction trades .....	10.02	1.6	40.0	10.02	1.6	40.0	—	—	—
Construction laborers .....	9.34	4.3	39.7	9.36	4.3	39.9	—	—	—
Production helpers .....	8.69	10.2	40.0	8.69	10.2	40.0	—	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers .....	7.55	3.0	33.3	8.03	4.3	39.6	5.83	1.4	21.1
Machine feeders and offbearers .....	10.04	6.8	39.8	10.05	6.8	40.0	—	—	—
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c. ....	8.85	6.5	35.4	8.74	7.3	40.1	—	—	—
Garage and service station related .....	7.22	.6	37.8	7.17	.6	40.0	—	—	—
Vehicle washers and equipment cleaners .....	8.95	5.9	26.0	9.29	5.5	40.0	—	—	—
Hand packers and packagers .....	7.72	3.3	39.2	7.77	3.5	40.0	6.05	4.8	22.6
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c. ....	8.44	2.4	39.3	8.47	2.5	39.9	6.86	4.1	20.5
<b>Service</b>									
Protective service .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.27	1.2	20.6
Guards and police, except public service .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.43	3.9	23.3
Food service .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.58	4.3	23.8
Supervisors, food preparation and service .....	9.71	4.6	36.4	10.03	5.4	40.8	4.78	1.3	21.1
Bartenders .....	5.48	5.9	30.1	5.51	7.0	36.3	—	—	—
Waiters and waitresses .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.74	4.8	20.6
Cooks .....	7.37	2.8	34.2	7.55	3.3	38.5	6.14	4.4	19.5
Food counter, fountain, and related .....	5.71	.8	27.0	—	—	—	5.56	1.0	20.5
Kitchen workers, food preparation .....	7.39	4.9	31.7	8.04	2.6	38.8	5.97	6.2	22.6
Waiters/Waitresses' assistants .....	5.18	6.1	23.3	5.53	1.7	34.4	5.07	7.9	21.0
Food preparation, n.e.c. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.82	1.9	23.1
Health service .....	7.42	2.2	36.4	7.39	2.3	39.4	7.79	4.8	20.3
Health aides, except nursing .....	8.72	4.4	33.3	8.84	4.7	40.0	8.25	10.7	20.1
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants .....	7.12	2.4	37.2	7.10	2.4	39.3	7.41	3.5	20.5
Cleaning and building service .....	7.74	3.3	37.8	7.81	3.1	39.1	6.12	2.5	21.0
Maids and housemen .....	6.31	3.0	38.2	6.32	3.0	38.6	—	—	—
Janitors and cleaners .....	7.61	4.9	34.5	7.79	5.7	37.6	6.17	2.7	20.6
Personal service .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Baggage porters and bellhops .....	7.53	2.8	32.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Early childhood teachers' assistants .....	5.97	1.1	24.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Service, n.e.c. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.25	6.3	18.6

<sup>1</sup> Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, and holidays; nonproduction bonuses; and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

<sup>2</sup> All workers include full-time and part-time workers. Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

<sup>3</sup> In this census division, collection was conducted between June 1998 and April 1999.

The average reference period was November 1998.

<sup>4</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. For more information, see Technical Note.

<sup>5</sup> The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see Technical Note.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria, and n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.



Table 5. Selected occupations, East South Central, State and local government: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> and weekly hours for full-time and part-time workers,<sup>2</sup> National Compensation Survey,<sup>3</sup> 1998

Occupation <sup>4</sup>	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>All</b> .....	\$15.93	2.2	36.8	\$16.14	2.1	39.0	\$11.62	7.8	17.1
All excluding sales .....	15.97	2.2	36.8	16.17	2.2	39.0	11.67	7.8	17.0
<b>White collar</b> .....	19.03	1.9	36.6	19.22	1.9	38.7	14.48	9.1	16.2
White collar excluding sales .....	19.12	1.9	36.6	19.31	1.9	38.7	14.63	9.1	16.1
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> .....	21.85	2.1	36.3	22.01	2.0	38.4	17.17	15.1	14.2
Professional specialty .....	22.83	2.3	36.1	23.00	2.2	38.2	17.80	16.3	13.4
Engineers, architects, and surveyors .....	26.32	6.1	39.1	26.32	6.1	39.1	-	-	-
Civil engineers .....	24.35	8.6	38.5	24.35	8.6	38.5	-	-	-
Mathematical and computer scientists .....	19.27	9.2	38.6	19.33	9.4	38.9	-	-	-
Computer systems analysts and scientists .....	20.66	14.2	38.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natural scientists .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health related .....	18.87	1.5	37.3	18.84	1.6	39.6	19.22	3.2	19.0
Registered nurses .....	18.49	1.7	37.2	18.49	1.8	39.6	18.55	3.6	18.8
Pharmacists .....	27.69	2.1	34.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teachers, college and university .....	29.89	4.4	35.4	29.13	3.1	38.0	46.76	8.8	14.1
Teachers, post secondary, n.e.c. ....	25.00	1.3	33.9	24.90	1.3	38.3	-	-	-
Teachers, except college and university .....	24.04	2.7	35.8	24.40	2.7	37.8	7.43	3.9	10.4
Elementary school teachers .....	24.00	1.6	38.0	24.00	1.6	38.0	-	-	-
Secondary school teachers .....	24.60	2.9	37.4	24.60	2.9	37.4	-	-	-
Teachers, special education .....	25.77	5.3	36.5	25.77	5.3	36.5	-	-	-
Teachers, n.e.c. ....	24.73	2.2	37.3	24.94	2.3	38.0	-	-	-
Substitute teachers .....	6.90	2.2	10.2	-	-	-	6.86	2.2	10.0
Vocational and educational counselors .....	28.07	13.1	39.0	28.07	13.1	39.0	-	-	-
Librarians, archivists, and curators .....	18.69	2.4	37.3	19.00	3.0	38.6	-	-	-
Librarians .....	19.21	2.6	36.7	19.64	3.3	38.2	-	-	-
Social scientists and urban planners .....	21.69	2.8	40.0	21.69	2.8	40.0	-	-	-
Social, recreation, and religious workers .....	13.58	5.2	39.1	13.58	5.2	39.2	-	-	-
Social workers .....	13.65	5.2	39.2	13.65	5.2	39.2	-	-	-
Lawyers and judges .....	21.52	15.5	19.6	-	-	-	23.54	7.2	12.1
Lawyers .....	21.52	15.5	19.6	-	-	-	23.54	7.2	12.1
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c. ....	16.17	3.5	38.3	15.37	3.3	38.6	-	-	-
Professional, n.e.c. ....	17.71	4.8	38.4	16.84	6.5	38.5	-	-	-
Technical .....	13.20	1.5	38.1	13.18	1.6	39.6	13.50	5.3	21.6
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	15.48	.5	35.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Radiological technicians .....	13.21	5.2	38.0	13.16	5.4	39.8	-	-	-
Licensed practical nurses .....	11.52	3.8	39.0	11.55	3.9	39.7	-	-	-
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c. ....	11.90	7.9	36.8	12.25	7.3	39.8	-	-	-
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial</b> .....	23.91	2.3	37.0	23.84	2.3	39.5	25.90	17.4	13.2
Executives, administrators, and managers .....	26.04	2.9	36.5	26.05	3.0	39.6	25.90	17.4	13.2
Legislators .....	30.77	39.8	9.4	-	-	-	53.91	31.5	4.6
Administrators and officials, public administration .....	21.66	6.0	36.9	21.81	7.1	39.9	-	-	-
Administrators, education and related fields .....	32.07	2.8	39.5	32.07	2.8	39.5	-	-	-
Managers, service organizations, n.e.c. ....	23.06	11.9	39.1	23.06	11.9	39.1	-	-	-
Managers and administrators, n.e.c. ....	24.71	12.3	39.3	24.71	12.3	39.3	-	-	-
Management related .....	15.96	2.3	39.2	15.96	2.3	39.2	-	-	-
Accountants and auditors .....	16.31	2.8	39.0	16.31	2.8	39.0	-	-	-
Inspectors and compliance officers, except construction .....	12.62	.8	38.8	12.62	.8	38.8	-	-	-
Management related, n.e.c. ....	16.84	13.5	41.2	16.84	13.5	41.2	-	-	-
<b>Sales</b> .....	9.56	2.7	37.2	9.79	2.0	39.4	7.10	1.7	23.5
Cashiers .....	8.17	.9	36.1	8.36	.8	39.1	-	-	-
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> .....	9.99	1.7	37.2	10.12	1.7	39.0	7.99	2.7	21.3
Supervisors, general office .....	9.98	5.7	40.2	9.98	5.7	40.2	-	-	-
Supervisors, financial records processing .....	15.11	3.7	39.3	15.11	3.7	39.3	-	-	-
Secretaries .....	10.87	1.9	39.1	10.89	1.9	39.4	-	-	-
Typists .....	8.71	8.7	40.0	8.71	8.7	40.0	-	-	-
Receptionists .....	8.97	2.2	31.3	-	-	-	-	-	-

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Selected occupations, East South Central, State and local government: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> and weekly hours for full-time and part-time workers,<sup>2</sup> National Compensation Survey,<sup>3</sup> 1998—Continued

Occupation <sup>4</sup>	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>White collar</b> —Continued									
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> —Continued									
Library clerks .....	\$7.83	1.6	33.5	\$8.08	1.8	40.0	\$6.58	2.9	18.8
Records clerks, n.e.c. ....	9.59	3.2	37.0	9.90	5.9	39.9	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks ...	10.17	5.7	39.5	10.17	5.7	39.5	—	—	—
Dispatchers .....	10.40	6.3	36.6	11.08	3.4	39.9	—	—	—
Meter readers .....	14.60	.6	40.0	14.60	.6	40.0	—	—	—
Eligibility clerks, social welfare .....	12.45	3.9	40.0	12.45	3.9	40.0	—	—	—
General office clerks .....	9.31	1.1	38.4	9.36	1.1	39.4	—	—	—
Teachers' aides .....	8.16	1.8	33.5	8.13	2.0	37.5	8.30	.8	20.6
Administrative support, n.e.c. ....	12.23	6.9	38.8	12.25	6.9	39.1	—	—	—
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	11.83	2.2	36.7	11.96	2.0	38.9	9.78	6.0	19.4
<b>Precision production, craft, and repair</b> .....									
Automobile mechanics .....	13.97	1.5	39.6	13.96	1.5	39.9	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c. ....	10.77	7.8	40.0	10.77	7.8	40.0	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c. ....	11.00	2.9	39.6	11.00	2.9	39.6	—	—	—
Supervisors, electricians and power transmission installers .....	23.13	.7	40.1	23.13	.7	40.1	—	—	—
Supervisors, construction trades, n.e.c. ....	15.16	4.2	40.0	15.16	4.2	40.0	—	—	—
Electrical power installers and repairers .....	17.45	.7	40.0	17.45	.7	40.0	—	—	—
Plumbers, pipefitters and steamfitters .....	13.77	1.5	40.0	13.77	1.5	40.0	—	—	—
Water and sewer treatment plant operators .....	11.69	7.9	40.0	11.69	7.9	40.0	—	—	—
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors</b> .....	13.59	1.1	38.5	13.68	1.1	39.5	—	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving</b> .....									
Truck drivers .....	10.17	3.3	30.0	10.33	4.1	35.5	9.60	6.4	19.4
Truck drivers .....	9.28	6.3	39.9	9.28	6.3	39.9	—	—	—
Bus drivers .....	10.35	4.7	22.1	11.23	5.1	26.4	9.60	6.4	19.4
Motor transportation, n.e.c. ....	11.82	10.6	40.0	11.82	10.6	40.0	—	—	—
Grader, dozer, and scrapper operators .....	8.58	1.9	40.0	8.58	1.9	40.0	—	—	—
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers</b> .....									
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm ...	9.67	2.6	39.9	9.69	2.5	40.0	—	—	—
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm ...	9.46	5.5	39.9	9.45	5.5	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, handlers, equipment cleaners, and laborers, n.e.c. ....	12.41	4.9	40.0	12.41	4.9	40.0	—	—	—
Construction laborers .....	8.93	12.2	39.3	9.00	12.7	40.0	—	—	—
Garbage collectors .....	8.52	3.9	40.0	8.52	3.9	40.0	—	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c. ....	8.93	3.7	40.0	8.93	3.7	40.0	—	—	—
<b>Service</b> .....									
Protective service .....	10.29	3.9	37.3	10.46	4.2	39.8	7.30	1.6	17.7
Protective service .....	12.81	1.6	41.7	12.84	1.6	42.4	7.97	1.8	12.2
Supervisors, firefighters and fire prevention .....	15.40	7.1	52.3	15.40	7.1	52.3	—	—	—
Supervisors, police and detectives .....	18.14	3.9	40.1	18.14	3.9	40.1	—	—	—
Firefighting .....	11.43	2.9	52.1	11.43	2.9	52.1	—	—	—
Police and detectives, public service .....	14.21	2.7	38.7	14.24	2.6	40.0	—	—	—
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers .....	11.45	3.4	40.0	11.46	3.5	40.1	—	—	—
Correctional institution officers .....	10.78	1.4	39.8	10.78	1.4	39.8	—	—	—
Guards and police, except public service .....	10.12	2.2	34.2	10.23	2.4	39.4	—	—	—
Protective service, n.e.c. ....	9.83	3.1	37.1	9.95	3.3	39.1	—	—	—
Food service .....	7.79	3.2	33.7	7.93	3.9	36.1	6.97	2.9	24.3
Supervisors, food preparation and service .....	9.70	2.0	39.1	9.70	2.0	39.1	—	—	—
Cooks .....	8.30	2.2	34.5	8.53	1.7	34.6	—	—	—
Food counter, fountain, and related .....	6.25	4.5	27.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kitchen workers, food preparation .....	7.48	6.8	35.8	7.51	7.9	37.1	—	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c. ....	7.02	4.2	28.1	7.46	3.5	38.3	—	—	—
Health service .....	7.97	2.6	36.6	8.06	2.9	39.5	—	—	—
Health aides, except nursing .....	8.29	2.2	37.6	8.34	2.2	38.2	—	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants .....	7.90	3.1	36.3	8.00	3.5	39.7	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Selected occupations, East South Central, State and local government: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> and weekly hours for full-time and part-time workers,<sup>2</sup> National Compensation Survey,<sup>3</sup> 1998–Continued

Occupation <sup>4</sup>	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>Service –Continued</b>									
Cleaning and building service .....	\$9.03	3.3	37.9	\$9.04	3.5	39.3	\$8.86	2.1	22.2
Supervisors, cleaning and building service workers .....	11.24	5.2	39.6	11.24	5.2	39.6	–	–	–
Janitors and cleaners .....	8.45	2.3	37.4	8.42	2.5	39.3	8.89	2.0	22.3
Personal service .....	7.48	7.1	29.3	7.54	8.3	35.8	6.99	1.1	12.2
Supervisors, personal service .....	9.98	10.3	17.4	–	–	–	–	–	–
Early childhood teachers' assistants .....	7.83	7.9	35.3	7.85	8.0	35.5	–	–	–
Child care workers, n.e.c. ....	6.60	5.1	32.5	–	–	–	–	–	–
Service, n.e.c. ....	8.91	5.6	33.4	–	–	–	–	–	–

<sup>1</sup> Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, and holidays; nonproduction bonuses; and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

<sup>2</sup> All workers include full-time and part-time workers. Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

<sup>3</sup> In this census division, collection was conducted between June 1998 and April 1999.

The average reference period was November 1998.

<sup>4</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. For more information, see Technical Note.

<sup>5</sup> The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see Technical Note.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria, and n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Table 6. Occupations <sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> East South Central: Mean hourly earnings<sup>3</sup> and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,<sup>4</sup> 1998

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
All .....	\$11.87	2.3	37.7	\$11.21	2.6	37.9	\$15.93	2.2	36.8
All excluding sales .....	12.16	2.3	37.8	11.46	2.6	38.0	15.97	2.2	36.8
<b>White collar</b> .....	15.05	2.1	37.7	13.98	2.7	38.0	19.03	1.9	36.6
1 .....	6.32	1.9	29.1	6.17	1.8	29.0	7.86	2.1	29.5
2 .....	8.00	1.0	31.1	7.99	1.6	31.0	8.07	1.0	31.9
3 .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.70	1.5	31.2
4 .....	10.65	1.0	38.2	10.78	1.1	38.1	9.85	2.2	38.4
5 .....	13.66	1.1	38.8	13.61	1.3	39.5	13.89	1.7	36.4
6 .....	14.47	.9	39.5	14.79	.6	39.8	13.37	3.2	38.5
7 .....	19.21	1.9	38.3	17.87	.7	38.8	21.01	3.7	37.6
8 .....	20.68	1.0	38.4	19.81	1.3	38.6	21.64	1.6	38.3
9 .....	22.98	1.2	39.2	22.82	1.2	39.9	23.34	2.4	37.6
10 .....	28.47	1.8	39.9	27.01	1.8	41.0	30.67	3.3	38.4
11 .....	30.31	1.8	37.8	32.31	1.6	39.9	25.61	1.5	33.7
12 .....	25.72	22.6	41.8	24.67	25.0	42.7	33.58	2.3	35.6
13 .....	42.37	2.2	39.0	44.10	1.1	40.5	38.99	.0	36.4
14 .....	68.54	2.4	34.5	68.76	2.3	34.4	-	-	-
Not able to be leveled .....	25.31	8.2	29.8	22.13	13.9	30.8	29.40	9.0	28.6
<b>White collar excluding sales</b> .....	16.98	1.7	37.9	16.13	2.4	38.5	19.12	1.9	36.6
1 .....	6.75	2.3	33.5	6.55	2.3	34.5	7.91	2.7	29.1
2 .....	8.18	1.3	32.0	8.21	2.2	32.0	8.08	1.0	32.0
3 .....	8.85	2.4	36.3	8.88	2.9	38.0	8.71	1.5	30.5
4 .....	10.78	1.3	38.7	10.96	1.5	38.8	9.85	2.2	38.4
5 .....	13.22	1.0	38.5	13.03	1.2	39.2	13.89	1.8	36.3
6 .....	14.36	1.1	39.0	14.69	.8	39.2	13.37	3.2	38.5
7 .....	19.27	1.9	38.2	17.91	.7	38.7	21.02	3.7	37.6
8 .....	20.62	1.1	38.3	19.58	1.4	38.3	21.64	1.6	38.3
9 .....	22.89	1.1	39.1	22.69	1.0	39.8	23.34	2.4	37.6
10 .....	28.45	1.9	39.9	26.84	1.6	41.2	30.67	3.3	38.4
11 .....	29.37	1.9	37.8	31.19	2.2	40.1	25.61	1.5	33.7
12 .....	25.65	22.6	41.8	24.58	25.1	42.7	33.58	2.3	35.6
13 .....	42.37	2.2	39.0	44.10	1.1	40.5	38.99	.0	36.4
14 .....	68.54	2.4	34.5	68.76	2.3	34.4	-	-	-
Not able to be leveled .....	25.43	8.3	30.1	22.25	14.4	31.3	29.40	9.0	28.6
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> .....	20.64	1.4	37.2	19.62	2.2	37.9	21.85	2.1	36.3
Professional specialty .....	22.46	1.6	36.9	22.04	2.3	37.9	22.83	2.3	36.1
3 .....	6.96	1.7	9.2	-	-	-	7.16	1.5	7.9
5 .....	14.28	3.0	35.5	12.81	2.7	37.9	15.72	4.9	33.5
6 .....	16.73	2.7	38.8	17.30	6.4	39.0	15.08	7.8	38.0
7 .....	20.93	2.5	37.1	17.98	1.0	36.2	22.41	4.1	37.5
8 .....	21.26	1.6	37.8	19.04	2.9	37.2	22.39	1.6	38.2
9 .....	22.48	1.8	37.9	21.78	1.1	38.3	23.44	2.8	37.5
10 .....	27.71	2.3	40.2	26.86	2.6	42.1	29.03	2.7	37.6
11 .....	27.77	3.5	36.5	30.31	2.8	39.9	24.61	1.6	33.0
12 .....	37.71	4.8	39.3	39.77	4.3	44.3	31.81	4.1	29.7
13 .....	37.53	1.5	38.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not able to be leveled .....	31.47	17.9	35.3	24.21	25.3	32.4	-	-	-
<b>Engineers, architects, and surveyors</b> .....	24.84	3.9	40.6	24.76	4.0	40.7	26.32	6.1	39.1
7 .....	18.39	2.7	41.0	18.30	3.4	41.2	-	-	-
8 .....	22.04	1.5	40.8	22.31	1.8	41.1	-	-	-
9 .....	22.84	4.4	40.4	22.76	4.3	40.4	-	-	-
10 .....	26.55	4.0	42.9	26.42	4.0	43.0	-	-	-
11 .....	30.88	.7	40.5	30.72	.8	40.9	-	-	-
12 .....	33.69	3.9	40.3	33.18	4.0	40.3	-	-	-
Aerospace engineers .....	28.00	4.7	40.0	28.00	4.7	40.0	-	-	-
Civil engineers .....	27.20	5.5	39.2	-	-	-	24.35	8.6	38.5
Electrical and electronic engineers .....	26.85	3.8	40.9	26.87	5.0	41.0	-	-	-
7 .....	18.77	11.2	40.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 .....	23.72	3.8	42.4	23.85	4.5	42.8	-	-	-
Mechanical engineers .....	26.11	2.5	40.2	26.11	2.5	40.2	-	-	-
8 .....	22.34	3.8	40.0	22.34	3.8	40.0	-	-	-
9 .....	27.63	4.5	40.0	27.63	4.5	40.0	-	-	-

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Occupations<sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> East South Central: Mean hourly earnings<sup>3</sup> and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,<sup>4</sup> 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>White collar—Continued</b>									
<b>Professional specialty and technical—Continued</b>									
Professional specialty—Continued									
Engineers, architects, and surveyors—Continued									
Engineers, n.e.c. ....	\$25.79	4.5	41.1	\$25.61	4.5	41.2	—	—	—
7 .....	17.42	2.9	40.2	17.42	2.9	40.2	—	—	—
8 .....	22.48	1.5	42.1	22.48	1.5	42.1	—	—	—
9 .....	22.25	4.9	43.3	22.25	4.9	43.3	—	—	—
11 .....	30.34	.7	40.3	30.11	.9	40.3	—	—	—
12 .....	31.44	7.4	41.0	31.44	7.4	41.0	—	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists .....	24.59	2.4	40.2	25.03	2.3	40.4	\$19.27	9.2	38.6
7 .....	17.48	2.5	40.2	17.89	3.1	41.3	—	—	—
8 .....	25.40	3.9	40.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
9 .....	24.95	2.3	39.9	25.12	2.4	39.9	—	—	—
10 .....	30.02	2.8	40.6	30.02	2.8	40.6	—	—	—
11 .....	36.41	11.2	40.5	37.77	11.9	40.6	—	—	—
12 .....	35.98	3.0	41.4	35.98	3.0	41.4	—	—	—
Computer systems analysts and scientists .....	24.68	2.7	40.3	24.95	2.5	40.4	20.66	14.2	38.9
7 .....	18.09	2.6	41.0	17.99	3.0	41.4	—	—	—
8 .....	25.40	3.9	40.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
9 .....	25.01	3.0	40.0	25.01	3.0	40.0	—	—	—
10 .....	29.93	2.9	40.6	29.93	2.9	40.6	—	—	—
11 .....	39.00	11.4	40.0	41.76	10.7	40.0	—	—	—
12 .....	35.64	2.9	41.5	35.64	2.9	41.5	—	—	—
Operations and systems researchers and analysts .....	24.35	4.8	40.5	25.45	3.3	40.5	—	—	—
9 .....	21.84	10.1	39.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Natural scientists .....	24.30	.5	40.6	25.32	.5	40.9	—	—	—
Health related .....	19.24	.8	35.8	19.39	1.2	35.2	18.87	1.5	37.3
5 .....	12.58	7.6	31.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
6 .....	16.52	4.9	38.8	15.58	6.2	38.4	—	—	—
7 .....	17.32	1.4	35.6	17.42	1.7	35.2	16.97	1.1	37.1
8 .....	17.74	2.0	35.5	17.18	2.4	35.5	19.40	2.0	35.6
9 .....	19.12	1.1	36.6	19.82	1.7	35.6	18.10	3.2	38.3
10 .....	28.03	2.1	39.2	28.48	3.3	39.3	—	—	—
11 .....	26.25	2.5	39.6	25.49	3.2	39.8	—	—	—
Physicians .....	47.58	21.7	29.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Registered nurses .....	17.77	.9	35.8	17.47	1.4	35.2	18.49	1.7	37.2
6 .....	16.57	5.1	39.0	15.59	6.5	38.6	—	—	—
7 .....	17.51	1.4	35.1	17.58	1.5	34.7	17.24	1.7	36.9
8 .....	17.50	1.9	35.1	16.96	2.2	35.0	19.25	1.9	35.6
9 .....	18.52	1.1	36.3	18.65	1.6	35.3	18.35	3.9	37.8
Pharmacists .....	27.65	2.7	38.5	27.64	3.7	40.0	27.69	2.1	34.8
Dietitians .....	14.50	2.7	40.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Respiratory therapists .....	16.65	1.9	39.0	16.16	1.0	38.6	—	—	—
Physical therapists .....	25.16	2.9	32.5	25.03	3.3	31.6	—	—	—
9 .....	25.55	.1	33.7	25.51	.0	33.2	—	—	—
Speech therapists .....	20.26	5.0	40.0	20.26	5.0	40.0	—	—	—
Therapists, n.e.c. ....	15.45	5.3	38.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Teachers, college and university .....	29.29	3.7	34.4	26.89	12.2	30.7	29.89	4.4	35.4
7 .....	21.44	6.1	31.5	—	—	—	21.97	5.6	35.9
8 .....	24.22	1.9	37.0	—	—	—	24.33	1.9	37.5
9 .....	28.55	7.8	33.9	26.58	9.0	32.0	30.35	5.9	35.8
10 .....	29.18	5.6	38.2	—	—	—	33.33	2.8	37.4
11 .....	26.40	3.0	36.3	—	—	—	26.48	4.1	38.9
12 .....	33.87	12.8	26.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
13 .....	37.59	3.5	35.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
History teachers .....	31.76	3.1	34.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Business, commerce, and marketing teachers ..	36.10	15.4	30.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Art, drama, and music teachers .....	25.52	5.8	27.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
English teachers .....	22.81	6.9	28.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trade and industrial teachers .....	26.95	6.4	34.4	—	—	—	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Occupations<sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> East South Central: Mean hourly earnings<sup>3</sup> and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,<sup>4</sup> 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>White collar—Continued</b>									
<b>Professional specialty and technical—Continued</b>									
Professional specialty—Continued									
Teachers, college and university—Continued									
Teachers, post secondary, n.e.c. ....	\$24.82	1.3	34.3	—	—	—	\$25.00	1.3	33.9
Teachers, except college and university .....	23.77	2.7	35.8	\$15.16	5.3	34.9	24.04	2.7	35.8
3 .....	7.16	1.5	7.9	—	—	—	7.16	1.5	7.9
5 .....	15.49	6.8	30.9	9.52	5.9	29.3	16.68	11.3	31.3
7 .....	24.87	4.8	37.5	14.13	8.0	39.1	24.95	4.9	37.4
8 .....	22.96	2.8	38.4	—	—	—	23.15	2.9	38.4
9 .....	26.37	2.5	37.0	—	—	—	26.78	2.6	37.0
Prekindergarten and kindergarten .....	12.79	17.9	36.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Elementary school teachers .....	23.86	1.5	38.0	17.22	5.9	37.0	24.00	1.6	38.0
5 .....	20.87	2.2	36.9	—	—	—	21.35	.8	36.9
7 .....	24.13	5.5	38.0	—	—	—	24.17	5.5	38.0
8 .....	22.50	2.4	38.5	—	—	—	22.62	2.6	38.6
9 .....	25.67	2.5	37.2	—	—	—	26.03	2.6	37.1
Secondary school teachers .....	24.40	2.7	37.4	—	—	—	24.60	2.9	37.4
7 .....	26.44	4.5	36.8	—	—	—	26.48	4.5	36.8
8 .....	22.32	1.9	38.1	—	—	—	22.51	2.2	38.1
9 .....	26.52	3.6	36.9	—	—	—	27.11	3.8	36.8
Teachers, special education .....	25.54	5.4	36.6	—	—	—	25.77	5.3	36.5
7 .....	26.57	6.9	36.3	—	—	—	26.66	6.9	36.3
Teachers, n.e.c. ....	24.28	2.1	36.5	—	—	—	24.73	2.2	37.3
9 .....	28.38	2.1	37.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Substitute teachers .....	6.90	2.2	10.2	—	—	—	6.90	2.2	10.2
3 .....	7.16	1.5	7.9	—	—	—	7.16	1.5	7.9
Vocational and educational counselors .....	27.49	13.1	39.0	—	—	—	28.07	13.1	39.0
Librarians, archivists, and curators .....	19.01	2.1	37.5	—	—	—	18.69	2.4	37.3
7 .....	13.43	2.8	34.6	—	—	—	13.02	.4	34.2
8 .....	20.96	5.5	39.3	—	—	—	20.96	5.5	39.3
Librarians .....	19.54	2.2	37.0	—	—	—	19.21	2.6	36.7
7 .....	13.43	2.8	34.6	—	—	—	13.02	.4	34.2
8 .....	20.96	5.5	39.3	—	—	—	20.96	5.5	39.3
Social scientists and urban planners .....	19.24	2.1	39.4	15.10	6.8	38.3	21.69	2.8	40.0
Psychologists .....	20.64	5.0	37.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers .....	13.20	4.3	39.1	12.53	4.8	39.2	13.58	5.2	39.1
5 .....	11.55	4.3	40.0	10.08	4.1	40.0	12.94	2.6	40.0
6 .....	13.02	7.9	37.2	12.07	9.8	36.2	14.17	4.4	38.6
7 .....	13.56	8.2	38.9	—	—	—	13.78	8.4	38.8
8 .....	11.60	1.2	39.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social workers .....	13.33	4.4	39.2	12.67	5.4	39.1	13.65	5.2	39.2
5 .....	11.42	5.1	40.0	—	—	—	13.10	2.2	40.0
6 .....	13.81	7.0	36.5	13.04	13.2	33.8	—	—	—
7 .....	13.58	8.2	38.9	—	—	—	13.81	8.4	38.8
8 .....	11.60	1.2	39.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Recreation workers .....	10.42	2.8	38.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lawyers and judges .....	34.16	12.2	36.7	37.59	7.0	48.2	21.52	15.5	19.6
11 .....	25.75	2.0	22.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
12 .....	44.50	.7	47.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lawyers .....	34.16	12.2	36.7	37.59	7.0	48.2	21.52	15.5	19.6
11 .....	25.75	2.0	22.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
12 .....	44.50	.7	47.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c. ....	19.29	3.2	38.9	19.89	4.1	39.0	16.17	3.5	38.3
5 .....	15.01	6.4	40.2	14.10	3.3	40.5	—	—	—
7 .....	18.98	2.2	39.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
8 .....	21.35	1.9	39.4	19.35	2.0	40.0	—	—	—
9 .....	22.66	3.1	41.2	22.68	3.0	41.3	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	15.07	10.5	31.1	15.05	10.5	31.3	—	—	—
Editors and reporters .....	23.10	5.4	41.4	23.10	5.4	41.4	—	—	—
Public relations specialists .....	15.37	3.4	39.3	17.79	7.2	39.6	—	—	—

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Table 6. Occupations <sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> East South Central: Mean hourly earnings<sup>3</sup> and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,<sup>4</sup> 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>White collar—Continued</b>									
<b>Professional specialty and technical—Continued</b>									
Professional specialty—Continued									
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.—Continued									
Professional, n.e.c. ....	\$17.58	2.9	39.0	\$17.38	1.6	40.0	\$17.71	4.8	38.4
7 .....	14.71	1.7	39.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Technical .....	14.47	1.5	38.0	14.80	1.6	38.0	13.20	1.5	38.1
2 .....	7.62	9.5	37.7	7.57	14.3	36.7	—	—	—
3 .....	7.87	.4	38.5	7.87	.4	38.5	—	—	—
4 .....	10.27	2.3	35.8	10.49	3.3	35.4	9.60	1.4	37.4
5 .....	12.49	2.1	39.6	12.63	2.2	39.9	11.82	4.5	37.9
6 .....	13.04	4.3	38.3	13.12	5.1	38.4	12.59	2.1	37.6
7 .....	15.81	1.7	39.1	15.51	2.7	38.8	16.64	1.3	40.0
8 .....	17.93	1.8	37.6	19.19	3.0	37.0	14.62	1.8	39.3
9 .....	21.50	.8	36.9	21.98	1.3	38.0	—	—	—
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	14.69	6.1	38.0	14.57	7.3	38.5	15.48	.5	35.0
4 .....	10.26	3.0	39.8	10.50	2.6	39.8	—	—	—
7 .....	14.22	2.3	29.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
8 .....	19.61	9.9	39.2	20.33	9.6	39.0	—	—	—
9 .....	18.33	1.6	35.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health record technologists and technicians .....	11.74	5.6	38.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Radiological technicians .....	13.32	2.6	38.6	13.35	3.0	38.7	13.21	5.2	38.0
5 .....	14.35	1.3	40.0	14.35	1.6	40.0	—	—	—
6 .....	13.27	5.0	38.0	13.20	5.3	38.8	—	—	—
Licensed practical nurses .....	11.37	3.4	37.0	11.33	3.8	36.5	11.52	3.8	39.0
4 .....	10.36	4.5	33.2	10.31	5.1	32.2	10.62	4.0	39.5
5 .....	11.24	2.8	39.0	11.30	3.0	39.3	11.03	7.5	38.1
6 .....	11.00	3.9	39.4	10.52	2.9	39.2	—	—	—
7 .....	11.70	2.5	39.9	11.31	2.1	39.9	—	—	—
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c. ....	12.28	2.2	37.3	12.44	2.4	37.6	11.90	7.9	36.8
4 .....	9.48	1.6	37.0	9.95	4.5	39.8	8.87	2.3	33.8
5 .....	12.35	3.5	39.7	12.47	3.5	40.0	—	—	—
7 .....	15.27	3.9	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic technicians .....	17.87	3.9	40.4	18.41	4.6	40.6	—	—	—
4 .....	10.54	3.3	40.0	11.13	3.6	40.0	—	—	—
5 .....	13.77	4.9	40.9	13.77	4.9	40.9	—	—	—
7 .....	20.21	1.0	40.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
8 .....	20.88	11.0	41.1	21.06	12.7	41.4	—	—	—
Engineering technicians, n.e.c. ....	16.96	1.9	39.7	18.24	1.0	40.0	—	—	—
5 .....	12.74	3.9	39.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Drafters .....	16.07	1.2	40.9	16.07	1.2	40.9	—	—	—
6 .....	14.95	.6	40.0	14.95	.6	40.0	—	—	—
7 .....	17.49	3.0	40.0	17.49	3.0	40.0	—	—	—
Biological technicians .....	15.52	4.7	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chemical technicians .....	15.23	6.3	40.0	15.23	6.3	40.0	—	—	—
Science technicians, n.e.c. ....	17.71	6.7	39.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Computer programmers .....	19.04	2.1	40.5	19.10	2.0	40.5	—	—	—
8 .....	19.43	3.1	40.0	19.72	3.3	40.0	—	—	—
Legal assistants .....	15.41	2.4	40.2	14.79	.8	40.7	—	—	—
Technical and related, n.e.c. ....	14.82	4.3	36.9	16.16	4.7	36.2	—	—	—
4 .....	9.46	.3	36.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial .....</b>	<b>23.63</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>23.56</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>23.91</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>37.0</b>
5 .....	13.78	2.3	40.5	13.27	2.4	40.7	15.43	8.5	39.9
6 .....	13.34	1.5	39.9	13.57	1.5	39.9	—	—	—
7 .....	19.26	2.4	39.2	20.38	1.1	40.0	15.77	6.0	36.8
8 .....	20.19	1.3	39.6	20.52	1.4	39.8	18.99	3.5	39.0
9 .....	23.91	1.9	41.9	24.00	2.3	42.2	23.38	2.9	39.6
10 .....	29.72	2.5	39.9	27.54	2.1	40.9	32.01	6.2	39.0
11 .....	30.99	2.1	40.0	31.55	2.3	41.2	28.68	2.1	36.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Occupations<sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> East South Central: Mean hourly earnings<sup>3</sup> and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,<sup>4</sup> 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>White collar—Continued</b>									
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial—Continued</b>									
12 .....	\$23.34	25.1	42.3	\$22.21	27.0	42.5	\$34.53	5.2	40.0
13 .....	44.08	1.7	43.2	46.98	2.0	44.4	—	—	—
14 .....	71.16	1.4	45.0	71.16	1.4	45.0	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	33.64	7.6	24.8	35.56	1.2	41.7	31.37	16.5	16.8
Executives, administrators, and managers .....	24.62	5.0	40.7	24.22	14.0	42.1	26.04	2.9	36.5
5 .....	13.95	4.0	40.8	13.37	4.7	41.1	—	—	—
6 .....	10.75	13.3	39.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
7 .....	18.04	7.6	37.6	19.81	7.2	39.7	16.72	9.9	36.2
8 .....	18.67	1.6	39.6	18.01	2.1	39.8	20.06	2.9	39.2
9 .....	23.08	2.0	42.4	22.90	2.3	42.9	24.34	2.2	39.4
10 .....	29.97	3.9	39.9	27.14	2.0	41.2	32.05	6.2	39.0
11 .....	31.17	2.0	40.2	31.85	2.2	41.5	28.68	2.1	36.0
12 .....	23.16	26.1	42.3	21.99	28.3	42.5	34.53	5.2	40.0
13 .....	44.62	1.9	43.0	48.35	2.5	44.4	—	—	—
14 .....	71.16	1.4	45.0	71.16	1.4	45.0	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	34.81	8.1	23.8	36.59	1.1	41.8	32.70	17.6	15.8
Legislators .....	30.77	39.8	9.4	—	—	—	30.77	39.8	9.4
Not able to be leveled .....	30.77	39.8	9.4	—	—	—	30.77	39.8	9.4
Administrators and officials, public administration .....	21.66	6.0	36.9	—	—	—	21.66	6.0	36.9
7 .....	14.48	13.2	33.5	—	—	—	14.48	13.2	33.5
8 .....	21.05	4.2	39.5	—	—	—	21.05	4.2	39.5
9 .....	22.24	1.7	38.7	—	—	—	22.24	1.7	38.7
11 .....	28.27	2.2	32.1	—	—	—	28.27	2.2	32.1
12 .....	34.28	9.9	40.3	—	—	—	34.28	9.9	40.3
Financial managers .....	25.35	4.9	41.2	25.41	4.9	41.2	—	—	—
9 .....	21.59	.7	41.9	21.59	.7	41.9	—	—	—
11 .....	36.85	4.1	40.9	36.85	4.1	40.9	—	—	—
12 .....	35.49	4.7	40.7	35.49	4.7	40.7	—	—	—
Personnel and labor relations managers .....	21.30	6.7	39.7	21.57	7.3	39.6	—	—	—
9 .....	20.16	5.9	38.9	20.16	5.9	38.9	—	—	—
Purchasing managers .....	23.29	1.4	41.0	23.29	1.4	41.0	—	—	—
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations .....	28.86	.8	41.0	28.85	.8	41.0	—	—	—
9 .....	27.26	6.4	43.5	27.26	6.4	43.5	—	—	—
Administrators, education and related fields .....	29.13	3.7	39.3	18.72	16.1	38.8	32.07	2.8	39.5
9 .....	23.29	2.4	39.6	—	—	—	26.95	2.4	39.8
10 .....	34.05	5.7	38.8	—	—	—	34.05	5.7	38.8
11 .....	27.96	2.8	40.0	—	—	—	29.01	4.2	40.0
12 .....	33.32	.7	39.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Managers, medicine and health .....	26.82	3.2	40.5	26.63	3.4	40.6	—	—	—
10 .....	25.09	3.2	39.8	25.26	3.3	40.0	—	—	—
11 .....	28.23	.8	40.2	28.23	.8	40.2	—	—	—
Managers, food servicing and lodging establishments .....	15.70	5.2	39.9	13.72	7.6	40.0	—	—	—
Managers, service organizations, n.e.c. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.06	11.9	39.1
Managers and administrators, n.e.c. ....	30.48	5.5	44.2	30.82	5.4	44.5	24.71	12.3	39.3
7 .....	19.26	9.9	41.3	20.42	13.3	41.8	—	—	—
8 .....	21.38	4.4	38.8	23.00	3.9	39.3	—	—	—
9 .....	23.39	3.3	43.8	23.39	3.3	43.8	—	—	—
10 .....	27.80	5.1	40.7	28.48	5.3	40.9	—	—	—
11 .....	32.82	5.0	42.0	32.82	5.0	42.0	—	—	—
13 .....	46.07	3.1	46.7	46.02	3.2	46.8	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	37.16	1.2	42.2	37.16	1.2	42.2	—	—	—
Management related .....	21.33	2.1	39.9	22.17	2.1	40.0	15.96	2.3	39.2
5 .....	13.59	2.2	40.0	13.12	2.5	40.1	—	—	—
6 .....	15.16	2.7	40.1	15.84	4.6	40.1	—	—	—
7 .....	19.74	10.2	39.8	—	—	—	13.82	.9	38.2
8 .....	21.40	2.3	39.6	22.05	2.3	39.7	16.82	7.1	38.6

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Table 6. Occupations<sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> East South Central: Mean hourly earnings<sup>3</sup> and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,<sup>4</sup> 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>White collar—Continued</b>									
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial—Continued</b>									
Management related—Continued									
9	\$26.42	5.7	40.4	\$27.49	5.9	40.4	\$21.19	4.0	40.2
10	28.37	2.7	40.2	28.45	2.7	40.1	—	—	—
11	28.77	7.2	38.4	28.77	7.2	38.4	—	—	—
Accountants and auditors	17.88	3.9	39.5	18.50	5.6	39.7	16.31	2.8	39.0
7	14.81	.3	40.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	17.45	2.1	38.6	17.67	2.9	38.7	—	—	—
9	22.50	4.6	39.7	25.58	3.7	40.4	—	—	—
Other financial officers	20.64	11.0	40.5	20.74	12.8	40.9	—	—	—
6	14.54	4.4	40.6	14.54	4.4	40.6	—	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	21.81	3.0	39.1	21.97	3.7	39.2	—	—	—
7	16.30	2.0	37.4	16.35	2.2	37.3	—	—	—
8	24.24	7.9	39.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	23.10	4.5	40.0	22.58	5.8	40.0	—	—	—
Buyers, wholesale and retail trade, except farm products	21.89	14.3	40.0	21.89	14.3	40.0	—	—	—
Purchasing agents and buyers, n.e.c.	17.31	6.6	40.0	17.31	6.6	40.0	—	—	—
Inspectors and compliance officers, except construction	16.22	3.1	39.2	—	—	—	12.62	.8	38.8
7	13.17	1.0	38.1	—	—	—	13.17	1.0	38.1
Management related, n.e.c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.84	13.5	41.2
8	16.37	6.9	41.4	17.24	5.5	42.0	—	—	—
9	24.16	8.3	40.8	24.03	8.4	40.0	—	—	—
<b>Sales</b>	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.56	2.7	37.2
1	5.91	1.9	25.8	5.85	1.8	25.6	—	—	—
2	7.22	.8	27.7	7.22	.8	27.7	—	—	—
3	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.53	4.8	39.7
4	9.84	3.9	34.9	9.84	3.9	34.9	—	—	—
5	16.59	4.0	41.1	16.70	3.9	41.1	—	—	—
6	15.50	1.3	44.0	15.50	1.3	44.0	—	—	—
7	17.23	1.9	42.2	17.21	2.0	42.3	—	—	—
8	21.82	.6	40.9	21.82	.6	40.9	—	—	—
9	29.72	10.5	45.3	29.72	10.5	45.3	—	—	—
10	28.69	3.4	40.0	28.69	3.4	40.0	—	—	—
11	40.03	3.9	38.1	40.03	3.9	38.1	—	—	—
Supervisors, sales	16.70	10.0	41.2	16.76	10.2	41.2	—	—	—
5	15.22	3.0	41.7	15.38	3.4	41.9	—	—	—
6	14.21	2.2	42.3	14.21	2.2	42.3	—	—	—
7	15.84	2.0	40.1	15.84	2.0	40.1	—	—	—
8	20.42	1.5	40.7	20.42	1.5	40.7	—	—	—
10	24.11	4.9	40.0	24.11	4.9	40.0	—	—	—
11	36.32	3.4	42.7	36.32	3.4	42.7	—	—	—
Advertising and related sales	13.66	17.4	39.7	13.66	17.4	39.7	—	—	—
Sales, other business services	20.58	7.6	36.9	20.58	7.6	36.9	—	—	—
Sales representatives, mining, manufacturing, and wholesale	22.37	5.9	41.6	22.37	5.9	41.6	—	—	—
8	22.80	.6	41.3	22.80	.6	41.3	—	—	—
Sales workers, motor vehicles and boats	15.31	5.5	47.6	15.31	5.5	47.6	—	—	—
Sales workers, apparel	7.84	1.8	25.2	7.84	1.8	25.2	—	—	—
3	7.65	1.2	27.3	7.65	1.2	27.3	—	—	—
Sales workers, radio, tv, hi-fi, and appliances	10.33	24.0	23.4	10.33	24.0	23.4	—	—	—
Sales workers, hardware and building supplies	9.75	3.1	36.2	9.75	3.1	36.2	—	—	—
Sales workers, parts	11.18	1.2	38.3	11.18	1.2	38.3	—	—	—
4	10.13	.8	40.0	10.13	.8	40.0	—	—	—
Sales workers, other commodities	9.06	1.3	30.7	9.09	1.3	30.4	—	—	—
3	7.95	1.1	26.6	7.87	.6	25.4	—	—	—
4	9.16	1.3	33.8	9.16	1.3	33.8	—	—	—

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Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>White collar—Continued</b>									
<b>Sales—Continued</b>									
Sales counter clerks .....	\$5.98	2.3	24.6	\$5.98	2.4	24.9	—	—	—
1 .....	5.92	3.2	23.4	5.91	3.3	23.8	—	—	—
3 .....	5.81	1.2	27.5	5.81	1.2	27.5	—	—	—
Cashiers .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$8.17	0.9	36.1
1 .....	5.91	2.0	25.0	5.83	2.0	24.7	—	—	—
2 .....	6.79	2.2	28.0	6.77	2.3	28.0	—	—	—
3 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.61	1.8	40.0
Sales support, n.e.c. ....	9.02	4.4	34.6	9.02	4.4	34.6	—	—	—
4 .....	11.31	2.2	42.3	11.31	2.2	42.3	—	—	—
<b>Administrative support, including clerical .....</b>	<b>10.82</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>10.98</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>9.99</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>37.2</b>
1 .....	6.75	2.3	33.5	6.55	2.3	34.5	7.91	2.7	29.1
2 .....	8.20	1.4	32.4	8.21	2.2	32.0	8.16	1.0	34.1
3 .....	8.90	2.5	37.9	8.92	2.9	38.2	8.81	1.4	37.0
4 .....	10.82	1.3	39.0	11.00	2.8	39.1	9.88	2.5	38.7
5 .....	13.19	1.4	38.8	13.27	1.6	38.8	12.63	2.5	38.5
6 .....	13.95	1.9	39.4	14.43	1.7	39.7	12.86	3.1	38.6
7 .....	16.06	4.8	40.2	16.33	4.6	40.2	12.90	8.6	39.6
8 .....	18.57	2.7	41.5	18.73	2.4	41.7	—	—	—
9 .....	22.84	3.5	42.1	22.84	3.5	42.1	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	12.12	19.6	27.0	9.87	17.2	23.9	—	—	—
Supervisors, general office .....	13.63	7.4	39.9	15.09	5.7	39.8	9.98	5.7	40.2
5 .....	13.31	1.1	39.6	13.18	.6	39.6	—	—	—
6 .....	13.51	18.5	40.1	17.61	14.5	39.8	—	—	—
7 .....	12.63	10.1	40.0	14.28	.9	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, financial records processing .....	17.82	3.7	40.5	18.74	4.5	40.9	15.11	3.7	39.3
5 .....	16.33	8.6	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
7 .....	19.17	4.8	41.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Supervisors, distribution, scheduling, and adjusting clerks .....	17.31	6.7	40.3	17.69	6.9	42.6	—	—	—
Computer operators .....	14.29	4.5	39.6	14.34	4.5	39.8	—	—	—
4 .....	12.56	6.6	39.7	12.56	6.6	39.7	—	—	—
Secretaries .....	10.99	3.1	38.1	11.05	4.6	37.6	10.87	1.9	39.1
2 .....	8.68	2.1	36.9	8.70	2.4	36.6	—	—	—
3 .....	8.87	2.4	35.9	8.69	2.1	35.6	10.43	5.2	39.1
4 .....	10.71	3.1	39.4	11.07	5.1	39.2	10.34	1.9	39.5
5 .....	12.26	2.4	37.0	12.28	3.2	36.9	12.23	3.9	37.3
6 .....	13.41	3.4	39.7	14.27	2.4	40.0	12.38	3.2	39.4
7 .....	14.94	6.7	38.5	15.27	8.3	38.2	—	—	—
Stenographers .....	11.19	6.0	39.4	11.14	7.7	39.3	—	—	—
Typists .....	10.76	7.4	39.4	12.77	6.3	38.9	8.71	8.7	40.0
3 .....	8.29	7.4	40.0	—	—	—	8.26	8.0	40.0
Interviewers .....	8.76	6.0	40.0	8.76	6.1	40.0	—	—	—
Hotel clerks .....	6.87	1.3	38.1	6.87	1.3	38.1	—	—	—
3 .....	6.83	2.0	39.8	6.83	2.0	39.8	—	—	—
Receptionists .....	8.19	2.8	37.0	8.12	2.8	37.6	8.97	2.2	31.3
1 .....	7.08	2.3	31.9	7.10	2.3	32.7	—	—	—
2 .....	7.58	2.1	35.3	7.60	2.2	36.2	—	—	—
3 .....	8.50	3.6	39.3	8.23	4.2	39.7	—	—	—
4 .....	9.60	2.2	40.0	9.58	2.2	40.0	—	—	—
Information clerks, n.e.c. ....	9.85	8.2	36.9	9.85	8.6	36.8	—	—	—
Order clerks .....	9.00	4.2	36.9	9.00	4.2	36.9	—	—	—
3 .....	8.65	4.2	37.1	8.65	4.2	37.1	—	—	—
4 .....	10.01	2.7	38.8	10.01	2.7	38.8	—	—	—
Personnel clerks, except payroll and timekeeping .....	13.99	4.1	39.5	13.35	5.5	39.4	—	—	—
4 .....	12.50	1.6	40.0	12.50	1.6	40.0	—	—	—
Library clerks .....	7.75	1.8	31.2	—	—	—	7.83	1.6	33.5
1 .....	6.86	5.8	18.5	—	—	—	7.32	4.6	24.4
2 .....	6.76	1.1	24.4	—	—	—	6.70	.8	24.5

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Occupations<sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> East South Central: Mean hourly earnings<sup>3</sup> and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,<sup>4</sup> 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>White collar—Continued</b>									
<b>Administrative support, including clerical—Continued</b>									
Library clerks—Continued									
4 .....	\$8.55	1.3	38.9	—	—	—	\$8.55	1.3	38.9
File clerks .....									
1 .....	8.23	1.1	37.4	\$8.18	1.2	37.1	—	—	—
3 .....	6.22	.0	32.3	6.22	.0	32.3	—	—	—
3 .....	8.98	.8	39.7	9.04	1.0	39.6	—	—	—
Records clerks, n.e.c. ....									
3 .....	10.91	3.5	39.5	10.99	3.5	39.7	9.59	3.2	37.0
3 .....	8.75	3.2	37.8	8.63	3.2	38.6	—	—	—
5 .....	16.42	.9	38.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks ...									
2 .....	8.89	3.9	40.2	8.89	3.9	40.2	10.17	5.7	39.5
3 .....	9.06	2.3	38.8	8.96	2.3	38.8	—	—	—
4 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.58	5.6	39.9
5 .....	13.97	2.4	37.6	14.12	2.7	37.5	—	—	—
6 .....	14.73	2.5	39.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Payroll and timekeeping clerks .....									
4 .....	10.16	5.2	35.7	10.04	5.8	35.3	—	—	—
4 .....	10.40	2.6	39.7	10.30	3.1	39.7	—	—	—
Billing clerks .....									
4 .....	9.89	1.4	36.1	9.92	1.3	38.8	—	—	—
4 .....	10.33	1.7	32.2	10.44	.9	37.2	—	—	—
Telephone operators .....									
2 .....	9.49	1.4	35.2	9.65	1.1	34.8	—	—	—
2 .....	8.23	4.9	25.7	8.23	4.9	25.7	—	—	—
3 .....	8.80	3.9	36.5	9.06	3.6	35.8	—	—	—
4 .....	12.19	2.8	39.0	12.19	2.8	39.0	—	—	—
Mail clerks, except postal service .....									
1 .....	8.34	11.2	36.8	8.38	11.4	37.1	—	—	—
1 .....	5.89	8.1	33.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dispatchers .....									
4 .....	11.18	3.6	38.1	12.07	1.7	40.0	10.40	6.3	36.6
4 .....	10.58	9.8	34.7	—	—	—	9.34	13.5	31.7
Production coordinators .....									
4 .....	13.29	3.5	40.1	13.33	3.5	40.1	—	—	—
4 .....	10.45	.9	40.0	10.42	.9	40.0	—	—	—
5 .....	14.37	4.4	40.0	14.37	4.4	40.0	—	—	—
Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks .....									
3 .....	13.46	11.0	31.0	13.49	11.1	30.9	—	—	—
3 .....	8.87	3.1	39.8	8.87	3.1	39.8	—	—	—
Stock and inventory clerks .....									
2 .....	10.37	3.5	37.5	10.72	4.0	37.3	—	—	—
3 .....	7.20	1.5	25.4	7.23	1.6	24.7	—	—	—
3 .....	10.28	6.9	39.9	10.85	8.0	39.8	—	—	—
4 .....	10.95	3.6	40.0	10.95	3.6	40.0	—	—	—
Meter readers .....									
3 .....	14.24	5.6	40.0	—	—	—	14.60	.6	40.0
Material recording, scheduling, and distribution clerks, n.e.c. ....									
3 .....	10.15	6.7	32.5	10.05	6.5	32.4	—	—	—
3 .....	10.70	6.9	39.9	10.70	6.9	39.9	—	—	—
Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators .....									
4 .....	15.04	24.3	39.5	15.04	24.3	39.5	—	—	—
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance ...									
4 .....	10.26	6.5	38.8	10.26	6.5	38.8	—	—	—
4 .....	11.13	.6	38.6	11.13	.6	38.6	—	—	—
Eligibility clerks, social welfare .....									
1 .....	10.28	2.9	40.0	9.38	3.3	40.0	12.45	3.9	40.0
General office clerks .....									
1 .....	9.57	1.8	38.6	9.74	2.9	38.7	9.31	1.1	38.4
2 .....	7.79	2.5	30.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 .....	8.10	1.5	38.7	7.77	1.2	37.4	8.35	2.6	39.7
3 .....	9.07	2.2	38.3	9.16	2.8	38.2	8.83	2.4	38.5
4 .....	9.95	.8	39.7	9.93	4.3	39.6	9.96	1.3	39.7
5 .....	14.65	7.2	39.6	15.43	8.5	39.7	—	—	—
Bank tellers .....									
2 .....	9.14	5.5	33.1	9.14	5.5	33.1	—	—	—
2 .....	8.23	5.9	27.5	8.23	5.9	27.5	—	—	—
3 .....	9.46	8.6	35.3	9.46	8.6	35.3	—	—	—
Data entry keyers .....									
2 .....	8.84	1.7	37.1	8.74	1.8	37.0	—	—	—
2 .....	7.86	1.1	34.7	7.86	1.1	34.7	—	—	—
3 .....	8.90	.7	38.9	8.94	.7	38.9	—	—	—
4 .....	10.37	6.3	39.3	10.41	6.3	39.4	—	—	—
Teachers' aides .....									
2 .....	7.99	1.7	33.9	—	—	—	8.16	1.8	33.5
2 .....	7.82	.8	30.9	—	—	—	7.82	.8	31.1

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Table 6. Occupations<sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> East South Central: Mean hourly earnings<sup>3</sup> and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,<sup>4</sup> 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>White collar</b> —Continued									
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b>									
—Continued									
Teachers' aides—Continued									
3 .....	\$8.78	3.8	34.0	—	—	—	\$8.78	3.8	34.0
4 .....	7.15	5.8	40.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Administrative support, n.e.c. ....	9.96	6.8	38.3	\$9.63	6.7	38.2	12.23	6.9	38.8
2 .....	8.61	6.1	38.0	8.08	1.9	38.8	—	—	—
4 .....	10.39	2.9	37.8	10.37	4.1	37.5	10.46	1.7	38.6
5 .....	11.48	3.7	39.3	11.12	4.7	39.1	—	—	—
6 .....	12.31	5.8	39.6	12.42	5.4	39.7	—	—	—
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	11.43	3.9	39.2	11.40	4.1	39.3	11.83	2.2	36.7
1 .....	8.58	4.3	36.8	8.59	4.4	36.7	8.21	3.0	38.5
2 .....	8.25	.9	38.9	8.23	.9	39.2	8.83	2.1	30.5
3 .....	9.61	4.1	39.9	9.60	8.2	40.0	9.75	3.1	36.1
4 .....	11.49	1.6	40.7	11.66	1.7	41.3	10.29	1.7	37.0
5 .....	13.45	2.2	40.1	13.55	2.2	40.4	12.01	1.4	36.2
6 .....	15.01	1.2	40.3	15.23	1.1	40.4	13.00	3.5	38.7
7 .....	18.40	1.5	40.2	18.66	1.5	40.3	16.66	2.6	40.0
8 .....	20.63	1.4	40.6	20.70	1.6	40.6	17.43	15.0	40.2
9 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.89	3.5	40.2
Not able to be leveled .....	15.76	12.0	34.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Precision production, craft, and repair</b> .....	14.40	7.9	40.0	14.44	8.7	40.1	13.97	1.5	39.6
2 .....	8.50	.9	39.5	8.34	.8	39.5	—	—	—
3 .....	9.84	3.5	40.0	9.80	3.6	40.0	—	—	—
4 .....	10.53	6.7	39.7	10.51	8.7	39.9	10.59	1.5	39.1
5 .....	13.04	2.6	40.1	13.16	2.8	40.1	11.92	3.0	39.8
6 .....	15.16	2.1	39.9	15.50	1.4	40.0	13.02	4.9	39.2
7 .....	18.60	1.8	40.1	18.83	1.8	40.2	17.00	2.5	39.9
8 .....	21.46	2.3	40.6	21.69	2.4	40.6	17.43	15.0	40.2
9 .....	22.94	.2	40.2	22.86	.3	40.2	24.89	3.5	40.2
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers .....	19.54	3.8	40.0	19.78	4.2	40.1	—	—	—
6 .....	13.84	3.5	40.0	13.84	3.5	40.0	—	—	—
7 .....	19.57	6.5	39.7	20.34	8.1	40.0	—	—	—
8 .....	23.64	.7	40.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
9 .....	25.40	3.2	40.4	25.40	3.2	40.4	—	—	—
Automobile mechanics .....	15.38	2.3	40.5	16.13	2.3	40.6	10.77	7.8	40.0
5 .....	11.86	1.7	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
7 .....	17.27	3.4	40.6	17.56	4.0	40.7	—	—	—
Bus, truck, and stationary engine mechanics ....	12.85	3.3	40.1	12.82	3.3	40.1	—	—	—
5 .....	12.70	4.4	40.0	12.63	4.5	40.0	—	—	—
6 .....	12.91	6.1	39.7	12.87	6.4	39.6	—	—	—
7 .....	14.29	10.0	41.7	14.56	11.2	41.9	—	—	—
Heavy equipment mechanics .....	16.13	5.5	40.0	17.30	5.5	40.0	—	—	—
Industrial machinery repairers .....	16.94	3.6	40.0	16.94	3.6	40.0	—	—	—
5 .....	13.78	1.8	40.1	13.78	1.8	40.1	—	—	—
6 .....	17.75	3.9	40.0	17.75	3.9	40.0	—	—	—
7 .....	19.53	1.7	39.9	19.53	1.7	39.9	—	—	—
Machinery maintenance .....	11.33	6.4	41.1	11.60	6.4	41.3	—	—	—
4 .....	11.10	5.8	39.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electronic repairers, communications and industrial equipment .....	14.16	5.5	40.0	14.29	6.3	40.0	—	—	—
7 .....	17.45	5.7	40.0	17.50	5.8	40.0	—	—	—
Telephone line installers and repairers .....	17.15	3.0	40.0	17.15	3.0	40.0	—	—	—
Telephone installers and repairers .....	16.50	.8	40.0	16.50	.8	40.0	—	—	—
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics .....	12.95	2.3	39.8	14.26	2.1	39.7	—	—	—
7 .....	15.73	2.8	39.2	15.85	3.2	39.2	—	—	—
Mechanical controls and valve repairers .....	17.81	6.4	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c. ....	12.51	7.2	40.0	12.83	8.4	40.1	11.00	2.9	39.6

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Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>Blue collar—Continued</b>									
<b>Precision production, craft, and repair—Continued</b>									
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.—Continued									
4 .....	\$10.06	2.5	40.0	\$9.62	2.6	40.0	—	—	—
5 .....	11.36	9.7	39.9	—	—	—	\$10.85	1.9	39.6
6 .....	16.22	5.0	39.5	16.60	4.8	39.7	—	—	—
7 .....	18.29	3.8	40.7	18.46	4.2	40.7	—	—	—
Supervisors, electricians and power transmission installers .....	21.23	2.1	40.0	20.11	4.0	40.0	23.13	.7	40.1
Supervisors, construction trades, n.e.c. ....	18.65	3.3	41.6	19.76	3.3	42.1	15.16	4.2	40.0
7 .....	18.45	3.1	41.0	19.85	2.6	41.4	15.66	.7	40.0
Carpenters .....	15.56	7.6	40.0	15.72	7.5	40.0	—	—	—
Electricians .....	15.92	3.6	40.0	15.87	3.9	40.0	—	—	—
7 .....	18.37	2.6	40.0	18.19	3.0	40.0	—	—	—
Electrician apprentices .....	9.92	4.4	40.0	9.94	4.5	40.0	—	—	—
Electrical power installers and repairers .....	17.62	2.0	40.0	17.78	4.0	40.0	17.45	.7	40.0
7 .....	19.83	2.9	40.0	18.56	3.5	40.0	21.23	2.7	40.0
Painters, construction and maintenance .....	14.76	10.4	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Plumbers, pipefitters and steamfitters .....	18.69	10.5	40.0	19.78	9.1	40.0	13.77	1.5	40.0
7 .....	20.36	7.4	40.0	20.36	7.5	40.0	—	—	—
Structural metal workers .....	11.39	1.1	40.0	11.39	1.1	40.0	—	—	—
Construction trades, n.e.c. ....	11.88	11.0	36.8	12.25	15.0	37.9	—	—	—
Supervisors, production .....	19.95	2.4	41.1	19.96	2.4	41.1	—	—	—
5 .....	13.37	2.0	41.2	13.49	2.1	41.3	—	—	—
6 .....	19.51	4.0	40.7	19.51	4.0	40.7	—	—	—
7 .....	17.37	1.8	40.9	17.37	1.8	40.9	—	—	—
8 .....	22.99	1.9	41.7	22.99	1.9	41.7	—	—	—
9 .....	23.99	1.1	41.2	24.13	.9	41.3	—	—	—
Tool and die makers .....	20.32	4.7	40.0	20.32	4.7	40.0	—	—	—
Machinists .....	15.08	1.4	40.0	15.08	1.4	40.0	—	—	—
5 .....	13.82	2.5	40.0	13.82	2.5	40.0	—	—	—
7 .....	16.39	2.1	40.0	16.39	2.1	40.0	—	—	—
Sheet metal workers .....	12.20	3.2	40.0	12.20	3.2	40.0	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic equipment assemblers									
2 .....	8.95	3.0	40.0	8.95	3.0	40.0	—	—	—
Butchers and meat cutters .....	9.88	4.8	40.0	9.88	4.8	40.0	—	—	—
5 .....	12.68	1.5	40.0	12.68	1.5	40.0	—	—	—
Inspectors, testers, and graders .....	13.87	5.1	38.8	13.87	5.1	38.8	—	—	—
5 .....	11.75	4.3	42.4	11.75	4.3	42.4	—	—	—
Water and sewer treatment plant operators .....	11.75	8.0	40.0	—	—	—	11.69	7.9	40.0
5 .....	11.80	11.9	40.0	—	—	—	11.80	11.9	40.0
Power plant operators .....	18.32	1.9	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous plant and system operators, n.e.c. ....	18.68	1.3	40.0	18.68	1.3	40.0	—	—	—
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors</b> .....	11.12	5.0	39.9	11.10	5.1	39.9	13.59	1.1	38.5
1 .....	8.34	6.2	39.7	8.33	6.3	39.7	—	—	—
2 .....	9.18	2.6	39.9	9.18	2.6	39.9	—	—	—
3 .....	9.56	12.4	40.0	9.56	12.4	40.0	—	—	—
4 .....	12.23	4.2	39.9	12.25	4.3	39.9	—	—	—
5 .....	14.05	3.5	39.9	14.05	3.5	39.9	—	—	—
6 .....	12.87	13.3	39.7	12.88	13.4	39.7	—	—	—
7 .....	18.11	2.2	39.5	17.80	2.8	39.5	—	—	—
Punching and stamping press operators .....	11.05	1.1	40.0	11.05	1.1	40.0	—	—	—
3 .....	11.22	2.1	40.0	11.22	2.1	40.0	—	—	—
5 .....	11.01	2.1	40.0	11.01	2.1	40.0	—	—	—
Grinding, abrading, buffing, and polishing machine operators .....	17.13	7.6	40.0	17.13	7.6	40.0	—	—	—
Fabricating machine operators, n.e.c. ....	10.11	3.6	39.9	10.11	3.6	39.9	—	—	—
3 .....	9.97	.8	40.0	9.97	.8	40.0	—	—	—
4 .....	11.07	2.4	39.8	11.07	2.4	39.8	—	—	—
Molding and casting machine operators .....	8.56	1.2	39.4	8.56	1.2	39.4	—	—	—

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	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>Blue collar—Continued</b>									
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors—Continued</b>									
Printing press operators .....	\$12.74	2.1	38.3	\$13.20	2.9	39.0	—	—	—
Winding and twisting machine operators .....	9.69	3.8	40.0	9.69	3.8	40.0	—	—	—
3 .....	9.50	3.5	40.0	9.50	3.5	40.0	—	—	—
Textile sewing machine operators .....	7.51	2.8	40.0	7.51	2.8	40.0	—	—	—
3 .....	7.19	4.6	40.0	7.19	4.6	40.0	—	—	—
Laundry and dry cleaning machine operators .....	6.82	2.8	37.9	6.52	3.0	37.6	—	—	—
1 .....	6.72	3.2	38.0	6.31	2.9	37.6	—	—	—
Extruding and forming machine operators .....	10.79	5.3	39.6	10.79	5.3	39.6	—	—	—
Mixing and blending machine operators .....	15.59	6.6	40.0	15.59	6.6	40.0	—	—	—
Compressing and compacting machine operators .....	11.27	2.4	39.9	11.27	2.4	39.9	—	—	—
Furnace, kiln, and oven operators, except food .....	11.77	7.1	40.0	11.77	7.1	40.0	—	—	—
Photographic process machine operators .....	13.35	4.6	36.8	13.35	4.6	36.8	—	—	—
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c. ....	13.27	16.3	40.0	13.27	16.4	40.0	—	—	—
2 .....	8.42	3.2	40.0	8.42	3.2	40.0	—	—	—
5 .....	16.53	3.8	39.9	16.53	3.8	39.9	—	—	—
6 .....	15.95	2.5	40.0	16.29	2.4	40.0	—	—	—
Welders and cutters .....	12.92	2.3	39.5	12.34	3.0	39.5	—	—	—
4 .....	10.85	1.7	40.0	10.85	1.7	40.0	—	—	—
5 .....	13.05	4.6	39.9	13.05	4.6	39.9	—	—	—
6 .....	14.38	8.4	38.4	14.38	8.4	38.4	—	—	—
7 .....	18.15	3.5	39.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Assemblers .....	11.82	11.8	39.8	11.82	11.8	39.8	—	—	—
1 .....	6.64	9.1	39.4	6.64	9.1	39.4	—	—	—
2 .....	8.80	4.7	39.9	8.80	4.7	39.9	—	—	—
3 .....	14.98	8.7	39.8	14.98	8.7	39.8	—	—	—
4 .....	11.65	3.1	40.0	11.65	3.1	40.0	—	—	—
Production inspectors, checkers and examiners .....	9.97	10.6	40.1	9.97	10.6	40.1	—	—	—
4 .....	12.92	3.6	40.0	12.92	3.6	40.0	—	—	—
Production testers .....	15.01	12.5	40.0	15.01	12.5	40.0	—	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving .....</b>	<b>12.68</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>12.97</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>\$10.17</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>30.0</b>
1 .....	9.19	13.8	38.9	9.27	13.9	40.0	—	—	—
2 .....	8.54	3.3	34.9	8.49	4.1	36.8	8.90	5.4	24.8
3 .....	10.60	2.2	40.6	10.65	2.4	41.9	10.16	3.6	30.9
4 .....	11.83	6.2	43.1	12.22	6.5	45.2	9.46	1.2	33.4
5 .....	14.44	1.3	40.0	14.68	1.4	42.1	12.02	5.2	26.9
6 .....	16.64	4.1	41.6	17.01	4.4	42.1	12.79	4.8	36.6
7 .....	17.01	5.1	41.6	18.88	1.9	42.2	11.83	11.9	40.0
8 .....	18.31	17.3	53.0	18.31	17.3	53.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, motor vehicle operators .....	17.16	1.6	42.3	17.55	2.3	42.5	—	—	—
Truck drivers .....	13.16	2.0	44.4	13.38	2.0	44.7	9.28	6.3	39.9
1 .....	7.44	4.1	38.0	7.18	1.8	37.9	—	—	—
2 .....	8.10	2.0	39.4	8.16	1.0	39.4	—	—	—
3 .....	11.82	2.1	46.1	11.87	2.3	46.3	—	—	—
4 .....	12.56	8.3	48.3	12.81	8.2	49.1	9.08	6.9	39.8
5 .....	14.16	2.8	43.9	14.31	2.8	44.0	—	—	—
6 .....	19.02	2.3	41.6	19.06	2.3	41.6	—	—	—
Driver-sales workers .....	12.77	2.4	39.2	12.77	2.4	39.2	—	—	—
4 .....	13.10	3.5	44.1	13.10	3.5	44.1	—	—	—
5 .....	15.32	5.1	40.8	15.32	5.1	40.8	—	—	—
Bus drivers .....	10.83	3.8	25.3	—	—	—	10.35	4.7	22.1
2 .....	8.81	6.2	23.1	—	—	—	9.04	8.6	22.2
3 .....	9.45	8.4	30.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motor transportation, n.e.c. ....	9.70	6.6	39.8	9.10	8.8	39.8	11.82	10.6	40.0
Operating engineers .....	13.77	1.4	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Crane and tower operators .....	13.34	2.7	40.0	13.34	2.7	40.0	—	—	—
Excavating and loading machine operators .....	14.84	6.9	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grader, dozer, and scraper operators .....	9.55	1.3	40.0	—	—	—	8.58	1.9	40.0

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Table 6. Occupations <sup>1</sup> and levels, <sup>2</sup> East South Central: Mean hourly earnings<sup>3</sup> and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,<sup>4</sup> 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>Blue collar—Continued</b>									
<b>Transportation and material moving—Continued</b>									
Grader, dozer, and scraper operators—Continued									
4 .....	\$8.71	2.5	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators	9.89	2.7	40.0	\$9.85	2.7	40.0	—	—	—
3 .....	10.53	5.2	39.9	10.53	5.2	39.9	—	—	—
4 .....	10.11	5.7	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 .....	14.44	5.7	40.0	14.44	5.7	40.0	—	—	—
Miscellaneous material moving equipment operators, n.e.c. ....	11.38	3.0	33.3	11.57	3.4	32.6	—	—	—
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers</b>									
.....	8.55	1.5	37.5	8.49	1.6	37.4	\$9.67	2.6	39.9
1 .....	8.23	5.1	33.0	8.23	5.5	32.7	8.18	3.3	39.6
2 .....	7.85	.8	39.4	7.84	1.1	39.4	8.56	1.7	39.9
3 .....	9.22	6.2	39.5	9.23	7.2	39.5	9.19	4.6	40.0
4 .....	10.05	.9	39.7	9.83	.9	39.7	10.94	3.7	40.0
5 .....	11.28	8.0	40.5	11.10	8.7	40.6	12.21	2.9	40.0
6 .....	15.88	.7	40.5	16.53	1.9	40.6	—	—	—
7 .....	15.94	2.0	41.9	16.28	1.4	42.1	—	—	—
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.46	5.5	39.9
1 .....	9.20	8.3	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 .....	9.56	4.6	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 .....	9.03	5.1	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Supervisors, handlers, equipment cleaners, and laborers, n.e.c. ....	14.43	2.9	41.6	15.32	1.0	42.3	12.41	4.9	40.0
5 .....	11.65	3.7	41.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
7 .....	15.89	2.7	42.2	16.30	1.9	42.6	—	—	—
Helpers, mechanics and repairers .....	11.47	5.6	40.0	10.99	6.1	40.0	—	—	—
5 .....	13.06	1.8	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Helpers, construction trades .....	9.99	1.6	40.0	10.02	1.6	40.0	—	—	—
2 .....	9.47	1.8	40.0	9.34	2.4	40.0	—	—	—
Construction laborers .....	9.27	4.2	39.6	9.34	4.3	39.7	8.93	12.2	39.3
1 .....	7.38	2.3	39.4	7.59	2.0	39.6	6.18	1.9	38.4
2 .....	9.40	6.0	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 .....	12.14	4.2	38.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Production helpers .....	8.69	10.2	40.0	8.69	10.2	40.0	—	—	—
Garbage collectors .....	8.52	3.9	40.0	—	—	—	8.52	3.9	40.0
Stock handlers and baggers .....	7.58	3.0	33.4	7.55	3.0	33.3	—	—	—
1 .....	6.98	4.1	28.2	6.98	4.1	28.2	—	—	—
2 .....	7.41	3.6	38.1	7.41	3.6	38.1	—	—	—
3 .....	8.64	9.6	39.8	8.64	9.6	39.8	—	—	—
4 .....	9.13	.8	40.0	9.10	.9	40.0	—	—	—
Machine feeders and offbearers .....	10.04	6.8	39.8	10.04	6.8	39.8	—	—	—
2 .....	8.90	7.5	37.3	8.90	7.5	37.3	—	—	—
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c. ....	8.84	6.4	35.4	8.85	6.5	35.4	—	—	—
2 .....	7.49	4.6	37.8	7.49	4.7	37.8	—	—	—
3 .....	9.83	16.5	37.9	9.83	16.5	37.9	—	—	—
4 .....	10.88	1.9	36.3	10.88	1.9	36.3	—	—	—
Garage and service station related .....	7.22	.6	37.8	7.22	.6	37.8	—	—	—
Vehicle washers and equipment cleaners .....	9.00	6.2	26.2	8.95	5.9	26.0	—	—	—
1 .....	8.19	7.5	20.0	8.19	7.5	20.0	—	—	—
2 .....	9.14	10.7	40.0	9.14	10.7	40.0	—	—	—
Hand packers and packagers .....	7.72	3.3	39.2	7.72	3.3	39.2	—	—	—
1 .....	6.11	5.7	37.0	6.11	5.7	37.0	—	—	—
3 .....	9.98	1.9	40.0	9.98	1.9	40.0	—	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c. ....	8.50	2.3	39.4	8.44	2.4	39.3	8.93	3.7	40.0
1 .....	8.44	8.2	38.5	8.46	9.2	38.3	8.29	5.1	40.0
2 .....	8.17	1.3	39.7	8.13	1.6	39.7	8.67	1.0	40.0
3 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.63	5.3	40.0

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Table 6. Occupations <sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> East South Central: Mean hourly earnings<sup>3</sup> and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,<sup>4</sup> 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>Blue collar—Continued</b>									
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers—Continued</b>									
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.—Continued									
4 .....	\$10.06	3.8	40.0	\$9.34	1.2	40.0	—	—	—
5 .....	12.63	4.1	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Service .....</b>	7.63	.7	36.2	—	—	—	\$10.29	3.9	37.3
1 .....	5.89	.0	35.7	—	—	—	7.39	.4	29.6
2 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.67	2.9	36.7
3 .....	7.99	1.0	37.1	7.91	7.4	37.5	8.45	6.4	34.9
4 .....	8.46	1.0	38.1	—	—	—	9.28	4.9	36.1
5 .....	11.66	1.9	38.9	10.91	1.7	37.3	12.01	2.5	39.7
6 .....	12.56	2.8	42.3	13.44	4.3	35.8	12.39	2.9	43.8
7 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	13.99	3.3	43.0
8 .....	15.18	5.5	44.7	—	—	—	14.45	5.1	44.9
9 .....	20.05	6.3	40.1	—	—	—	20.05	6.3	40.1
Protective service .....	10.52	1.2	40.2	—	—	—	12.81	1.6	41.7
1 .....	6.35	.5	35.3	6.31	.5	35.9	—	—	—
2 .....	6.22	6.9	36.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	11.41	4.4	39.8
4 .....	10.92	2.1	37.6	9.35	2.9	32.9	11.05	2.4	38.1
5 .....	11.67	2.3	39.9	—	—	—	11.91	3.0	40.4
6 .....	12.49	2.9	43.7	—	—	—	12.40	3.0	43.9
7 .....	13.99	3.2	40.9	—	—	—	13.99	3.3	43.0
8 .....	14.36	5.1	45.0	—	—	—	14.36	5.1	45.0
9 .....	20.05	6.3	40.1	—	—	—	20.05	6.3	40.1
Supervisors, firefighters and fire prevention .....	15.40	7.1	52.3	—	—	—	15.40	7.1	52.3
7 .....	14.52	1.8	51.4	—	—	—	14.52	1.8	51.4
8 .....	13.77	9.7	52.1	—	—	—	13.77	9.7	52.1
Supervisors, police and detectives .....	18.14	3.9	40.1	—	—	—	18.14	3.9	40.1
7 .....	20.31	1.0	39.9	—	—	—	20.31	1.0	39.9
8 .....	15.52	2.9	40.3	—	—	—	15.52	2.9	40.3
Supervisors, guards .....	12.87	2.7	37.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Firefighting .....	11.43	2.9	52.1	—	—	—	11.43	2.9	52.1
5 .....	9.42	7.4	50.5	—	—	—	9.42	7.4	50.5
6 .....	10.65	2.8	53.0	—	—	—	10.65	2.8	53.0
7 .....	12.66	1.2	53.0	—	—	—	12.66	1.2	53.0
Police and detectives, public service .....	14.21	2.7	38.7	—	—	—	14.21	2.7	38.7
5 .....	15.22	1.2	40.0	—	—	—	15.22	1.2	40.0
6 .....	13.95	5.1	40.3	—	—	—	13.95	5.1	40.3
7 .....	12.88	2.3	40.3	—	—	—	12.88	2.3	40.3
8 .....	17.04	2.8	40.2	—	—	—	17.04	2.8	40.2
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers .....	11.45	3.4	40.0	—	—	—	11.45	3.4	40.0
6 .....	11.35	5.3	39.4	—	—	—	11.35	5.3	39.4
7 .....	12.89	11.2	40.1	—	—	—	12.89	11.2	40.1
Correctional institution officers .....	10.78	1.4	39.8	—	—	—	10.78	1.4	39.8
4 .....	10.88	2.8	39.9	—	—	—	10.88	2.8	39.9
5 .....	10.22	2.3	39.5	—	—	—	10.22	2.3	39.5
Guards and police, except public service .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.12	2.2	34.2
1 .....	6.34	.7	36.9	6.34	.7	36.9	—	—	—
5 .....	10.32	.8	36.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Protective service, n.e.c. ....	9.59	2.8	35.4	—	—	—	9.83	3.1	37.1
4 .....	9.49	1.1	36.3	—	—	—	9.61	1.2	38.2
Food service .....	5.79	.5	35.8	—	—	—	7.79	3.2	33.7
1 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.62	3.0	31.8
2 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.20	6.1	34.1
3 .....	6.11	2.8	33.6	5.85	3.9	33.7	8.01	4.4	32.7
4 .....	8.33	1.5	34.4	8.40	1.4	33.9	8.14	3.1	36.1

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Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>Service—Continued</b>									
Food service—Continued									
5 .....	\$10.45	4.1	39.8	\$10.06	4.7	40.6	—	—	—
6 .....	12.55	2.7	33.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Supervisors, food preparation and service .....	9.71	4.1	36.7	9.71	4.6	36.4	\$9.70	2.0	39.1
3 .....	7.36	7.8	33.0	7.15	7.9	32.3	—	—	—
4 .....	8.40	2.1	40.5	8.63	2.1	40.6	—	—	—
5 .....	10.49	4.5	40.8	9.94	5.3	41.5	—	—	—
6 .....	12.55	2.7	33.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bartenders .....	5.48	5.9	30.1	5.48	5.9	30.1	—	—	—
3 .....	5.52	9.4	34.2	5.52	9.4	34.2	—	—	—
Waiters and waitresses									
1 .....	3.18	6.3	27.3	3.18	6.3	27.3	—	—	—
3 .....	3.28	10.9	29.6	3.27	10.9	29.6	—	—	—
Cooks .....	7.60	2.3	34.2	7.37	2.8	34.2	8.30	2.2	34.5
1 .....	7.19	2.2	36.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 .....	6.52	5.7	34.8	6.13	3.5	34.8	—	—	—
3 .....	7.90	3.2	32.7	7.57	4.1	32.2	8.91	3.9	34.4
4 .....	8.49	4.1	34.4	8.67	4.5	34.6	—	—	—
Food counter, fountain, and related .....	5.75	1.0	27.0	5.71	.8	27.0	6.25	4.5	27.2
1 .....	5.59	2.0	21.9	5.56	1.7	22.7	—	—	—
Kitchen workers, food preparation .....	7.43	5.3	33.5	7.39	4.9	31.7	7.48	6.8	35.8
1 .....	6.79	6.9	28.9	6.63	8.1	26.9	—	—	—
2 .....	7.33	5.9	33.9	7.57	2.9	33.2	7.17	8.9	34.4
3 .....	7.83	6.5	40.0	8.19	4.0	40.0	—	—	—
Waiters/Waitresses' assistants .....	5.18	6.1	23.3	5.18	6.1	23.3	—	—	—
1 .....	5.18	7.0	23.7	5.18	7.0	23.7	—	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c.									
2 .....	4.61	5.3	26.3	4.43	7.6	26.0	7.02	4.2	28.1
Health service .....	7.51	2.0	36.4	7.42	2.2	36.4	7.97	2.6	36.6
1 .....	7.09	4.9	37.1	6.59	2.5	36.1	—	—	—
2 .....	6.87	2.1	36.4	6.66	2.1	36.0	8.28	4.5	40.0
3 .....	7.44	3.5	36.7	7.37	3.8	36.7	7.91	6.8	36.9
4 .....	8.13	3.0	36.1	8.26	4.2	37.5	7.77	3.9	32.8
5 .....	12.33	3.8	33.2	12.33	3.8	33.2	—	—	—
Health aides, except nursing .....	8.67	4.0	33.8	8.72	4.4	33.3	8.29	2.2	37.6
2 .....	7.17	7.1	28.6	7.22	7.3	28.2	—	—	—
3 .....	7.69	4.3	36.6	7.68	4.4	36.5	—	—	—
4 .....	9.05	1.7	35.7	9.73	5.2	32.8	—	—	—
5 .....	12.94	1.5	32.7	12.94	1.5	32.7	—	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants .....	7.25	2.1	37.1	7.12	2.4	37.2	7.90	3.1	36.3
1 .....	7.26	6.0	36.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 .....	6.83	2.5	37.7	6.59	2.5	37.4	8.36	5.0	40.0
3 .....	7.38	4.2	36.8	7.28	4.8	36.7	7.89	7.0	36.8
4 .....	7.89	3.5	36.1	8.08	4.3	38.2	—	—	—
Cleaning and building service .....	7.95	1.8	37.8	7.74	3.3	37.8	9.03	3.3	37.9
1 .....	6.84	2.2	35.2	6.70	3.1	34.9	7.43	1.6	36.5
2 .....	7.30	4.8	36.7	7.03	5.9	35.8	8.08	3.4	39.8
3 .....	8.89	.9	37.5	8.82	4.5	38.4	9.00	2.8	36.3
5 .....	12.65	4.8	40.0	—	—	—	12.95	3.9	40.0
Supervisors, cleaning and building service workers									
1 .....	6.34	2.9	38.2	6.31	3.0	38.2	11.24	5.2	39.6
2 .....	6.08	2.8	37.5	6.07	2.8	37.5	—	—	—
3 .....	6.47	3.3	39.9	6.39	3.5	40.0	—	—	—
Janitors and cleaners									
1 .....	7.87	2.4	35.4	7.61	4.9	34.5	8.45	2.3	37.4
2 .....	7.11	2.4	34.4	7.00	4.3	33.7	7.42	1.7	36.5
3 .....	7.42	6.8	35.4	7.28	8.4	34.3	7.88	4.9	39.8
4 .....	9.35	1.9	37.2	9.77	4.6	38.4	8.93	2.9	36.2
5 .....	11.12	5.5	36.3	11.03	11.1	33.3	—	—	—
Personal service .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.48	7.1	29.3
1 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.36	3.3	13.4

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Occupations <sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> East South Central: Mean hourly earnings<sup>3</sup> and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,<sup>4</sup> 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
<b>Service—Continued</b>									
Personal service—Continued									
2 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$6.77	3.1	32.4
3 .....	\$7.43	7.4	32.2	\$7.83	2.6	32.4	7.23	10.0	32.1
4 .....	8.08	6.6	35.9	8.68	2.1	37.2	7.48	9.1	34.7
Supervisors, personal service .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.98	10.3	17.4
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities									
1 .....	5.72	2.3	17.7	5.80	3.9	27.1	—	—	—
Baggage porters and bellhops .....	7.53	2.8	32.2	7.53	2.8	32.2	—	—	—
1 .....	5.77	2.3	30.5	5.77	2.3	30.5	—	—	—
Early childhood teachers' assistants .....	7.49	5.5	32.5	5.97	1.1	24.2	7.83	7.9	35.3
2 .....	6.66	2.4	35.3	—	—	—	6.51	1.3	35.7
3 .....	8.57	5.8	35.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Child care workers, n.e.c. ....	6.63	5.0	31.7	—	—	—	6.60	5.1	32.5
Service, n.e.c. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.91	5.6	33.4

<sup>1</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. For more information, see Technical Note.

<sup>2</sup> Each occupation for which data are collected in an establishment is evaluated based on 10 factors, including knowledge, complexity, work environment, etc. Points are assigned based on the occupation's rank within each factor. The points are summed to determine the overall level of the occupation. See the Technical Note for more information.

<sup>3</sup> Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, and holidays; nonproduction bonuses; and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers,

weighted by hours.

<sup>4</sup> In this census division, collection was conducted between June 1998 and April 1999. The average reference period was November 1998.

<sup>5</sup> The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see Technical Note.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria, and n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

## Technical Note

The data in this bulletin are based on the National Compensation Survey (NCS) conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics throughout the year. The surveys are locality-based and cover establishments in private industry and State and local governments. Bulletins are issued for individual localities, when sufficient data meet publication standards. Agriculture, private households, and the Federal Government are excluded from the scope of the survey.

**Survey scope.** In the East South Central census division, the NCS studied 1,040 establishments with 50 or more workers,<sup>1</sup> representing about 18,700 establishments within the scope of the survey. (See table A.) The number of workers represented (4,778,000) by the survey is shown in table B. For purposes of this survey an establishment is an economic unit that produces goods or services, a central administrative office, or an auxiliary unit providing support services to a company. For private industries in this survey, the establishment is usually at a single physical location. For State and local governments, an establishment is defined as all locations of a government entity.

**Sampling frame.** The list of establishments from which the survey sample was selected (sampling frame) was developed from the State unemployment insurance reports. The reference month for the public sector is June 1994. Due to the volatility of industries within the private sector, sampling frames were developed using the most recent month of reference available at the time the sample was selected. The reference month for the private sector is March 1996.

**Sample design and data collection.** The sample for this survey was selected using a three stage design. The first stage consisted of the selection of areas. The nationwide NCS sample consists of 154 metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas that represent the Nation's 326 metropolitan statistical areas and the remaining portions of the 50 States. Metropolitan areas are designated Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) or Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Areas (CMSA), as defined in 1994 by the Office of Management and Budget. Nonmetropolitan areas are counties that do not fit the metropolitan area definition.

The NCS locality areas that contribute to the East South Central census division are:

<sup>1</sup> Establishments classified as employing between 50 and 99 workers may include establishments with fewer than 50 workers because staff reductions may have taken place between the time of sampling and the time of data collection.

Birmingham, AL MSA  
Bradley County, TN  
Choctaw County, AL  
Harrison County, KY  
Henry County, AL  
Huntsville, AL MSA  
Knoxville, TN MSA  
Lee County, MS  
Louisville, KY-IN MSA  
Memphis, TN-AR-MS MSA  
Mobile, AL MSA  
Taylor County, KY  
Tunica County, MS  
Wayne County, TN  
Winston County, MS

In the second stage, the sample of establishments was drawn by first stratifying the sampling frame by ownership and industry. The number of sample establishments allocated to each stratum is approximately proportional to the stratum employment. Each sampled establishment is selected within a stratum with a probability proportional to its employment. Use of this technique means that the larger an establishment's employment, the greater its chance of selection. Weights were applied to each establishment when the data were tabulated so that the establishment represents similar units (by industry and employment size) in the economy which were not selected for collection.

The third stage of sample selection was a probability sample of occupations within a sampled establishment. In the East South Central region, collection was conducted between June 1998 and April 1999 with an average reference period November 1998. Additional information about the area sample and method of estimation is available in the *National Compensation Survey: Occupational Wages in the United States, 1998, Bulletin 2529*.

**Occupational selection and classification.** Identification of the occupations for which wage data were collected was a four-step process:

1. Probability-proportional-to-size selection of establishment jobs
2. Classification of jobs into occupations based on the Census of Population system
3. Characterization of jobs as full-time vs. part-time, union vs. nonunion, and time vs. incentive
4. Determination of the level of work of each job

For each occupation, wage data were collected for those workers who met all the criteria identified in the last three steps. Special procedures were developed for jobs for which a correct classification or level could not be determined.

In step one, the jobs to be sampled were selected at each establishment by the BLS field economist during a personal visit. A complete list of employees was used for sampling, with each selected worker representing a job within the establishment. As with the selection of establishments, the selection of a job was based on probability proportional to its size in the establishment. The greater the number of people working in a job in the establishment, the greater its chance of selection.

The second step of the process entailed classifying the selected jobs into occupations based on their duties. The National Compensation Survey occupational classification system is based on the 1990 Census of Population. A selected job may fall into any one of about 480 occupational classifications, from accountant to wood lathe operator. In cases where a job's duties overlapped two or more census classification codes, the duties used to set the wage level were used to classify the job. Classification by primary duties was the fallback.

In step three, certain other job characteristics of the chosen workers were identified. First, the worker was identified as holding either a full-time or part-time job, based on the establishment's definition of those terms. Then the worker was classified as having a time versus incentive job, depending on whether any part of pay was directly based on the actual production of the workers, rather than solely on hours worked. Finally, the worker was identified as being in a union job or a nonunion job.

The fourth step in the job classification procedure was to determine the work level of each of the establishment's selected jobs, using a *generic leveling* process. This process, involving discussions between the Bureau's field economist and the respondent, ranks and compares all selected establishment occupations using 10 leveling factors. For more information on generic leveling and an example of how to use the criteria for leveling a job, see appendix C and appendix D at <http://www.bls.gov/compub.htm> or any of our published NCS bulletins. This website also has a link to the NCS job descriptions.

**Data reliability.** The data in this bulletin are estimates from a scientifically selected probability sample. There are two types of errors possible in an estimate based on a sample survey, sampling and nonsampling.

Sampling errors occur because observations come only from a sample and not from an entire population. The sample used for this survey is one of a number of possible samples

of the same size that could have been selected using the sample design. Estimates derived from the different samples would differ from each other.

A measure of the variation among these differing estimates is called the standard error or sampling error. It indicates the precision with which an estimate from a particular sample approximates the average result of all possible samples. The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error divided by the estimate. Tables in this bulletin provide RSE data for indicated series.

The standard error can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. As an example, suppose the mean hourly earnings for all workers was \$15.09 per hour with a relative standard error of 0.6 percent for this estimate. At the 90-percent level, the confidence interval for this estimate is \$15.24 to \$14.94 ( $\$15.09 \times 1.645 \times 0.006 = \$0.149$ , rounded to \$0.15); ( $\$15.09 + .15 = \$15.24$ ;  $\$15.09 - .15 = \$14.94$ ). If all possible samples were selected to estimate the population value, the interval from each sample would include the true population value approximately 90 percent of the time.

Nonsampling errors also affect survey results. They can stem from many sources, such as inability to obtain information for some establishments, difficulties with survey definitions, inability of the respondents to provide correct information, or mistakes in recording or coding the data obtained. A Technical Reinterview Program done in all survey areas will be used in the development of a formal quality assessment process to help compute nonsampling error. Although they also were not specifically measured, efforts were made to minimize nonsampling errors by the extensive training of field economists who gathered survey data by personal visit, computer editing of the data, and detailed data review.

**Census area divisions.** Data are tabulated by census divisions defined as follows: **New England** — Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, and Rhode Island; **Middle Atlantic** — New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania; **East North Central** — Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin; **West North Central** — Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska; **South Atlantic** — Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia; **East South Central** — Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee; **West South Central** — Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; **Mountain** — Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Nevada; and **Pacific** — Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, and Alaska. Some census divisions include Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Areas (CMSAs) and Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) that cross State lines.

Table A. Number of establishments represented by the survey and number studied by industry group and establishment employment size, East South Central, National Compensation Survey, 1998

Industry division	Number of establishments represented <sup>1</sup>	Number of establishments studied						
		Total	50 - 99 workers	100 - 499 workers	500 - 999 workers	1000 - 2,499 workers	2,500 - 4,999 workers	5,000 or more workers
<b>All</b> .....	18,700	1,040	336	494	95	75	26	14
<b>Private Industry</b> .....	16,800	856	309	408	71	50	14	4
Goods-producing industries .....	5,200	288	84	143	34	20	4	3
Mining .....	( <sup>2</sup> )	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
Construction .....	900	31	17	12	2	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	4,300	255	66	130	32	20	4	3
Durable goods .....	2,000	153	43	74	17	12	4	3
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and transportation equipment .....	300	24	7	16	-	-	-	1
Industrial and commercial machinery and computer equipment .....	100	18	4	9	2	2	-	1
Electronic and electrical equipment .....	400	32	8	16	4	2	1	1
Transportation equipment .....	700	27	7	9	5	3	3	-
Measuring, analyzing, and controlling instruments .....	( <sup>2</sup> )	7	2	4	-	1	-	-
Nondurable goods .....	2,300	102	23	56	15	8	-	-
Food and kindred products .....	200	26	4	17	3	2	-	-
Printing, publishing, and allied industries .....	200	14	5	4	4	1	-	-
Chemicals and allied products .....	200	18	5	12	1	-	-	-
Service-producing industries .....	11,500	568	225	265	37	30	10	1
Transportation and utilities .....	1,000	77	26	35	8	5	2	1
Wholesale trade .....	1,000	40	21	18	1	-	-	-
Retail trade .....	4,000	145	89	45	6	3	2	-
Finance, insurance and real estate .....	600	37	13	17	4	3	-	-
Depository institutions .....	200	15	5	7	3	-	-	-
Insurance carriers .....	100	9	2	3	1	3	-	-
Services .....	4,900	269	76	150	18	19	6	-
Business services .....	900	68	20	40	7	1	-	-
Educational services .....	100	17	8	9	-	-	-	-
Health services .....	1,600	103	14	59	8	17	5	-
Hospitals .....	300	44	-	17	6	16	5	-
Engineering, accounting, research, management, and related services .....	300	29	9	17	2	-	1	-
<b>State and local government</b> .....	1,900	184	27	86	24	25	12	10
Health services .....	200	28	3	9	8	6	2	-
Hospitals .....	100	16	-	2	7	6	1	-

<sup>1</sup> Number of establishments represented by the survey rounded to the nearest 100.

<sup>2</sup> Number of establishments represented by the survey is fewer than 50.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported. Overall industry and industry groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Table B. **Number of workers<sup>1</sup> represented by the survey, by occupational group,<sup>2</sup> East South Central, National Compensation Survey,<sup>3</sup> 1998**

Occupational group	All industries	Private industry	State and local government
<b>All</b> .....	4,778,000	3,999,900	778,000
All excluding sales .....	4,278,600	3,504,900	773,700
<b>White collar</b> .....	1,999,200	1,507,400	491,800
White collar excluding sales .....	1,499,800	1,012,300	487,400
Professional specialty and technical .....	616,900	299,100	317,900
Professional specialty occupations .....	493,000	200,400	292,600
Technical occupations .....	123,900	98,700	25,200
Executive, administrative, and managerial .....	252,300	197,200	55,100
Sales .....	—	—	4,400
Administrative support, including clerical .....	630,600	516,100	114,500
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	1,409,600	1,322,200	87,400
Precision production, craft, and repair .....	359,100	326,400	32,800
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors .....	437,100	433,800	3,300
Transportation and material moving .....	185,100	156,100	29,000
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers .....	428,300	406,000	22,300
<b>Service</b> .....	1,369,200	—	198,800

<sup>1</sup> Number of workers represented by the survey are rounded to the nearest 100. Estimates of the number of workers provide a description of size and composition of the labor force included in the survey. Estimates are not intended, however, for comparison with other statistical series to measure employment trends or levels. Both full-time and part-time workers were included in the survey.

<sup>2</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual

occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. For more information, see Technical Note.

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